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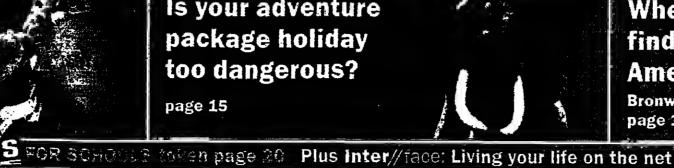


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Eyewitness Mark Ross tells how he saw his companions' bodies hacked to death with machetes

A SURVIVOR of the Ugandan forest kidnappings last night gave a graphic account of being forced to march for nine hours through the jungle and seeing the bodies of five of his companions who had been hacked to death with machet-

Mark Ross, an American tour operator and pilot who flew his fellow survivors back to Kampala yesterday, was roused in the early hours of Monday by gunthers fired at al Park, known as the Impenetrable Forest, which is home to Uganda's mountain gorillas. There was not a lot of shooting first one shot behind, then a brief flurry." he told a press conference at the American Embessy in Kampala. The rebel soldiers, armed with automatic weapons and grenades, came into the camp in groups of 15 to 20. Tourists from a nearby camp were also brought in. They were all ques-tioned about their nationalities and occupations before their possessions were taken

and they were marched off towards the Congolese border. Mr Ross thought there were about 120 anackers in all, almost all of them armed, with a few left to carry supplies as the tourists were marched at

speed over several ridges. First one woman, then two others, were unable to keep up. The attackers said they would escort them to safety, but Mr Ross later came across the bodies of two of them.

The women had been killed on the spot. It looked like one was raped prior to being killed," he said. He could

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ties, but one was an American. At about midday, the attack-

ers separated off three men, apnareatly at random: the American husband of one of the women who had been killed, a Briton and a New Zealander. Later he saw their bodies. "Their heads were crushed and there were deep slashes with pangas - machetes.

"I cannot say why some were left and some were killed. It was like there were small groups of soldiers doing what they wanted." Mr Ross was not able to say when or how the other three victims - two deaths, pointing out that with up to 140 people moving in single file through the forest it was impossible to tell what was going on farther down the

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ties, suggesting that Englishspeakers were targeted.

At about four in the afterwoman with him was forced to



After a few minutes, the his party of six survivors to find their way back down the trail. Before they left, the attackers gave him a note, say-

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been murdered in the same way. Another survivor, Linda Adams, told CNN that the attackers had been careful to separate the hostages in groups according to their nationali-



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noon, they reached the border and most of the attackers melted away over the ridge, leaving only three men to guard the hostages. There was a lastminute attempt to take two tourists with them, but the attackers finally relented, and one fighter who tried to drag a

ing that their aim was to desta-bilise Uganda, to cause eco-nomic chaos in the region and to let the world know there line. But he thought all had

> "They wrote down this twopage note and gave it to me guess that's why they let us all live," Mr Ross said, adding that the attackers had not treated the survivors badly, giving them water and allowing them to keep their shoes, "although. they intimidated us some".

the path to the camp they came across units of the Ugandan army in pursuit.
"We showed them where they crossed the border. They wanted to open fire right there, which seemed to me to invite return fire. So I got my

Forty minutes back down

people moving and left." Soon afterwards they found the women's bodies, before reaching the road and Mr Ross's plane at dusk.

# Messages of of hate for the British

#### FROM ROBIN LODGE IN KAMPALA

HUTU rebels who bludg-eoned and hacked to death eight tourists after kidnapping them from a gorilla safari camp attached notes to the bodies saying "Americans and British, we don't want you on our land. You support our ene-

The attackers were specifically looking for Britons and Americans when they raided the Bwindi Park in Uganda, according to the manager of

one of the five camps there. Other survivors reported that tourists were separated ac-cording to nationality. The attackers demanded to know who had British or American

passports and told the French being told to stand aside. One of the leaders then handed a note to Anne Peltier, France's Deputy Ambassador to Uganda, saying the Interahamwe were not happy with Ameri-cans and British because they preferred to support the Tutsis

against the Hutus. Four Ugandans were killed at the camp and 14 Englishspeaking tourists were then marched into the jungle, where the eight met their

There had been suggestions that they had died in the cross-fire during a Ugandan Army rescue attempt. But, although the Army set off in pursuit, witnesses insisted there had been

"They were brutally murdered under gruesome circumstances," a State Department official said. And the official spokesman James Foley added: "There was no crossfire."

An American government plane was sent to retrieve the bodies yesterday; the survivors — two Britons, a Canadian, a Swiss, a New Zealander and the American Mark Ross - were flown back to Kampala by Mr Ross on Monday

Mr Ross, a 43-year-old Nai-robi-based tour operator from Arkansas, could not find his keys, so he started his plane with his knife. "I put on classical music to slow everyone down," he said. "The mood

we touched down." In a statement to the Ugan-

dan Parliament yesterday, the Government strongly con-demned what it called a barbaric terrorist attack, which it blamed squarely on the Interahame, a Rwandan Hutu militia implicated in the 1994 genocide of more than a million Tutsis and Hutu moderates. The militia has been based in the Congo for the past five years.

For President Museveni. who has been trying to build up Uganda's image of stability for years in the wake of the horrors of the regime of Idi Amin, the attack comes as a bitter

It also highlights the prob-

his Congolese neighbour. Ugandan and Rwandan troops are lighting in the Congo in support of rebels trying to overthrow the government of President Laurent Kabila. Mr Kabila, for his part, has tolerated the presence of Ugan-dan and Rwandan insurgents who are fighting in support of

The attack will also hit the country's tourism hard. The Bwindi National Park, also known as the Impenetrable Forest, is visited by thousands of tourists every year, who are hoping to see some of the 320 surviving Ugandan mountain gorillas. The money that this tourism brings in is crucial to those gorillas' continued survival.

# Tribute to a kind-hearted son who loved life

By Adrian Lee

ONE of the Britons killed by the rebels was named last night as Mark Lindgren, a 23-year-old graduate.

He was just more than two weeks into a three-month tour of Africa with London-based travel firm Acacia Expeditions when he was captured. The trip to Uganda was to be a holiday be-

fore concentrating on a career.

Mr Lindgren's girlfriend had hoped to join him on the trip of a lifetime when she had received her visa. His parents, Ann and John, paid tribute to their son, a life-long Wolverhampton Wanderers fan with a keen interest in wildlife. He had obtained three As and graduated in French and Management Studies from Nottingham University last year. He has a sister, Emma, 28, who is a teacher in Cornwall.

Mr Lindgren's father, a chartered surveyor, said: "Mark was kindhearted, generous, bright and loved life. He had a wonderful sense of humour and was loyal to his friends and family. He was respected by the people he worked with and he had a bright future ahead of him." Peter Kellner, a journalist and

their neighbour in St Albans, Hertfordshire, said the tragedy would hit the family hard. He said: "The Lindgrens are an exceptionally close-knit family. They are well-liked by their neighbours and many friends. We are all devastated by this news."

Acacia Expeditions said six of the dead were on its tour, including one of its company representatives. A further ten tourists and one crew member have returned to Kampala.

Mr Lindgren's MP, Kerry Pollard. said Mark was on a package tour run by a reputable travel company. "It was the holiday of a lifetime for him  he was looking forward to seeing things other people only see on TV. This has come as a complete shock."

The Foreign Office, which said the

victims were hacked and bludgeoned to death, said the names of other victims would not be released until their bodies had been formally identified today and their relatives informed. Two British survivors were under the care of doctors at the British High

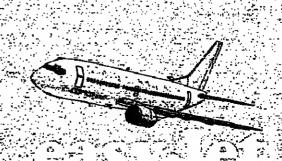
Commission in Kampala, Neither was thought to be injured, although they were said to be in a state of shock. Another Briton who escaped was also at the High Commission.



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#### **MASSACRE IN THE JUNGLE**



Interahamwe Hutu guerrillas in 1994, when they launched the swiftest genocide the world has seen

# Hutus wage war in gorilla haven

SITTING across a few feet of matted leaves and looking into the quizzical, almost human eyes of a male 20-stone silverback mountain gorilla, one could not help but feel that this magnificent creature was wondering why these puny facsimiles of his own kind were so bent on butchering each other.

The 600 remaining mountain gorillas on the Virunga range - where eight tourists. including four Britons, and four safari park staff were murdered by Hutu milinas have in the last five years been trapped at the centre of man's inhumanity to man.

The jungle canopies and mountain ranges which have become their last redoubt against marauding poachers have provided ideal cover for Interahaniwe killer squads bent on "finishing the job" of the genocide of the Tutsis in Rwanda.

They are punishing the Ugandans for supporting the Tulsis, and English-speaking tourists because of a belief that their loss to the Tutsis was

Backpackers drawn to mountain zone of genocidal gunmen, writes Sam Kiley, Africa Correspondent

der from Bwindi, or the colony

of gorillas in Rwanda, where

the late Dian Fossey had her

research centre made famous

by the film Gorillas In The

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But unol recently the Ugan-

dan gorillas, numbering about 350, were considered a

safe option for tourists spend-

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why the area was considered

part of an anglophone conspiracy to take over French-speaking Central Africa. The Bwindi Impenetrable National Park is just as its

name suggests. Thick tropical rainforest is broken only by animal paths where hundreds of Interahamwe fighters have set up bases to launch attacks on Tutsis in northwest Rwanda. southeast Uganda and the east of the Democratic Repub-

One would have to be suicidal to try to visit Congo's gorilla sanctuary just across the bor-

the opportunity to see one of the world's great natural wonders in the wild. Now, however, serious questions have to be asked as to

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safe. It was the main route taken by Tutsi rebels who left the Ugandan Army to form the Rwandan Patriotic Front when they invaded Rwanda in

It now provides a haven for

their Hutu enemies. On my visit to the gorilla sanctuary in what was then called Zaire, the sounds of mortar explosions drifted through the jungle canopy along with the mist as the gorillas chewed wild celery in 1992.

Two years later the Intera-hamwe and Rwanda's Hutu leadership launched the swift-est genocide the world has ever seen, killing an average of 37,500 people a day - mostly with clubs and machetes. A million were dispatched.

When the RPF drove the Hutus from power they fled west, past the Ruhengeri area of west Rwanda where the gorillas live, into Goma, Zaire.

There, as the international community spent more than £1.5 million a day to feed, clothe and educate the Hutus. calls for the arrest of their lead-



An unidentified victim of the kidnapping is comforted in the grounds of the British High Commission in Kampala, the Ugandan capital, yesterday. Britain has now advised tourists not to visit the volatile border area

ers went unheeded. Instead, using profits from inflated refugee figures, money from mysterious French backers, arms from Paris and weapons sup-plied by British arms dealers. the Interahamwe continued to train its men and equip them for an invasion of Rwanda.

The effect on the environment of the hundreds of thousands of people camped around Goma for two years was catastrophic. The newcomers cut down thousands of acres of the gorillas' habitat to build homes and cook food.

Their leadership moved into coffee estates, ruined them, and set up command centres in the crumbling remains. In 1996 Rwanda, backed by

Uganda, Tanzania and Burundi, and with the approval of the US, decided to clear the camps of the Interahamwe. Three quarters of a million

refugees returned home. But the hardcore fled west, where many were murdered by Tutsi fighters, or into the surrounding mountains - where the gorillas now try to survive with the killers in their midst.

In Uganda, the Hutus have been able to ally themselves with rebels opposing President Museveni and to attack vehicles and convoys.

Blending into the Hotu-populated countryside of Rwanda, they target the isolated Tutsi communities.

Rwanda and Uganda have

increased security in their horder areas because of the region's rich tourist potential. But their armies face an almost impossible task in combating a foe which can mount surprise attacks before melting back into the rainforest. ☐ Brazzaville: A new rebel group in the Democratic Re-

public of Congo said it had captured the town of Bolobo. 215 miles north of Kinshasa on the Congo River. The Union of Republican Nationalists for Liberation said the town of 30,000, nominally controlled by President Kabila, fell with-out a shot being fired. (AP)

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'Wicked' act appals Blair

> By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

TONY BLAIR yesterday described the kidnapping and killing of four Britons in Uganda as an act of wicked-ness "simply beyond belief".

Told of the tragedy during a visit to Italy, the Prime Minister issued a statement promising that the Government would do everything in its power to bring those responsible to justice.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, told a shocked House of Commons that it was still not clear bow the victims died. He said: "The whole House will wish to join me in expressing our deepest sympathies to their relatives

He said that every effort would be made to achieve the survivors' rapid and safe re-

As soon as news of the kidnappings reached Kampala, the British High Commissioner had insisted that Ugandan troops should not take any action that might endan-



A female mountain gorilla forages in Uganda. About 350 are believed to be living in the country, and until recently, their habitat had been considered safe for tourists

# Foreign Office and holiday firms disagree over who is to blame

TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

ROBIN COOK last night angered travel companies by demanding that they take greater responsibility in decid-ing whether to withdraw from

As tour operators yesterday cancelled or re-routed about 1,000 holidays to Uganda and neighbouring countries after receiving specific advice from the Foreign Office, the travel trade accused it of being too vague normally and not de-

tailed enough.

The Foreign Secretary told the Commons that tour companies should not try to use Foreign Office advice as an indem-nity against their own respon-sibilities. He said that firms should use "their own discretion and judgment and pro-vide frank and clear warnings for those who travel with

As government officials warned tourists to avoid Ugan-da's gorilla region, Mr Cook's comments enraged a travel industry that has been increas-ingly critical of Foreign Office advice. Tour operators and travel agents accuse the For-eign Office of offering advice that is not related specifically to the area at greatest risk.

Two of the main companies involved in the region, Acacia Expeditions and Abercrombie and Kent, have about 500 tourists in Uganda, although very few were in the gorilla region. Strict limits are imposed on the number of passes for visiting the gorilla region and tour-

and awarded them £1,400 in ists generally include the area as part of an African safari last-ing up to eight weeks and costcompensation.

ing up to £5,000.

Refunds are likely to be paid if holidays have to be can-

"I think Mr Cook has a bit of a cheek," said Simon Bunce, legal adviser to the Association of British Travel Agents

"Many tour operators have far more detailed information from their own representa-tives than is offered by the Foreign Office, who may only

were incensed last year when the Foreign Office advised against travel to Israel during airstrikes against Iraq. Holidays in the Red Sea resort of

Several leading operators

Eilat were cancelled for thousands of tourists, although the southern town was not considered to be at risk. The travel industry has be-

come increasingly concerned about the lack of resources, and Baroness Symons, the For-eign Office Minister, held a

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have someone based in the capital." Mr Bunce said that travel companies often had to follow Foreign Office advice even when it was known that areas of a country were not at risk. He added that one couple sued an operator successfully. after they were brought home from the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean after an at-

tempted coup.

Although the Foreign Office had advised them against trav-elling to the islands, a court found that the operator was wrong to withdraw the couple

meeting with senior industry figures last week. She was told that the three full-time staff in the advisory department were insufficient to deal with the 1,000 advice notices put out by the Foreign Office last year

Sue Ockwell, a spokeswom-an for Acacia Expeditions, which had tourists on the Ugandan trip, called last night for the Foreign Office to communicate more closely with other governments before of-

fering advice.
"We were amazed to hear

that Australia has been advis-ing against travelling to the gorilla region for some time. I would have thought that there could be some communication between governments when they are sending tourists to the

same area." Some tour operators have called on the Foreign Office to grade countries according to the level of risk, although Abta fears that this could lead to information becoming even

Tour operators feel they must follow Foreign Office advice, believing that they would be liable if any tourist was injured but had not been varned of the dangers.

"But the advice must be clear," said Mr Bunce. "If it is unclear, then a client is likely to argue with the travel firm: over the interpretation. That leads to problems that could

be avoided by clearer advice." The travel industry, while acknowledging the seriousness of the incident in Uganda, emphasised that it was an unusual occurrence, even for the

most intrepid holidaymakers.
We hope it won't put people off the idea of having an adventure holiday because the majority of them are safe," Keith Betton of Abta told Sky

television\_ Uganda was doing its best to ensure that every part of the country was safe for tourists. Professor George Kirya, the Ugandan High Commissioner

in London, said yesterday.

But he said that visitors would have to decide for themselves where they felt safe to



#### MASSACRE IN THE JUNGLE

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# How death invaded safari paradise

Daniel McGrory traces the chain of events that led to the killing of eight tourists in a carefully planned attack by Hutu rebels

THE ambush began before dawn on Monday when scores of Hutu rebels swarmed across the border into the Ugandan rainforest that had become a magnet for holidaymakers seeking adventure. The raid was clearly careful-

ly planned. One group of tribesmen moved swiftly tovards the village of Butogota, firing wildly in the air, in what was a diversionary attack.

The rest of the rebels surged through the jungle clearing to-wards three safari camps in the game park where most of the tourists were still sleeping. it took only minutes for the whole area to be overrun as up to 150 members of the notorious interahamwe death squads descended on the fenced-off compound in the

Bwindi National Park.
The camps are deliberately corralled within a few hundred yards of each other for security and all sit close to the main lodge at the edge of the park. They range from oneman tents popular with teenage backpackers to wooden cabins set in the hillside, at the top of which sits a luxury dwelling known as the honey-

Local rangers escorting the tour groups were easily brushed aside by the tribesmen, who shot at the startled guards with their semi-automatic AK47 rifles and hacked at them with machetes. The chief warden at Bwindi was shot dead with three of his rangers. Some of the rebels jabbed at the dying rangers with spears as the main forcesurged inside the swing gate at

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the Buhoma Camp entrance. They tore through the administration building, where tourists register and collect their permits to track the gorillas through the early morning mists of the Virunga mountains. What the Hutu gang. could not steal it burnt. Screaming at the tops of their voices, the rebels moved along the narrow track that cuts into: the hish, green hillside.

Less than a hundred yards from the main gate is a clearing where overland tour parnitch their tents. groups of young backpackers camping there had travelled from Nairobi, through the Great Rift Valley and onto the source of the Nile before reaching what is still known locally

as the Impenetrable Forest. As the tourists were dragged from their tents, the rebels set light to their four-wheel-drive

vehicles. The terrified trekkers

were forced to stand in a jungle clearing in whatever clothes they were wearing. Most were barefoot as the rebels menaced them with spears and machetes, demanding that they hand over their

watches and any money. While some of the tribesmen ransacked the tents and huts for valuables like cameras and binoculars, others pointed their AK47s at the holidaymakers, demanding to know their nationalities. In faltering French, they asked who was carrying British or American

passports.
After being herded together in the camp known as Lake Katangira, they were pushed fur-ther along the track that sweeps up the hillside.

Scores of gunmen had already taken over the African Pearls Safari Homestead and were forcing more holidaymakers out of their cabins. One woman who was crying loudly was knocked to the ground, nearly unconscious, with a blow from the handle of a machete.

The same selection procedure was carried out, with Britons and Americans being held aside from the rest. One of those captured, Anne

Peltier, France's Deputy Am-One of the gang's leaders

and Kent tour company. Rebels ripped open the sevarmfuls of looted belongings and forcing the occupants to join the rest of the bewildered and frightened band of international tourists. They fought with each other for the honour of reaching the highest tent the honeymoon suite - and

By now the majority of rebels had moved on, hustling their Survivors told how one of



the gang's leaders kept shout-ing that he was looking for hostages to quicken their pace. what he described as "Anglo-Saxons". Prench tourists were told to stand to one side. The leader then handed Mme Peltier a message "to inform the all had guns." world that the Interahamwe were not happy with Americans and British because they

have preferred to support the Tutsi ethnic minority against the ethnic Hutu majority".

The gunmen then picked

out 14 hostages and forced

them out of the camp and out

of sight of their fellow holiday-

makers on barely marked

tracks through the jungle.

Their selection was as random

as their attack. In this group

were not only Britons and

Americans but a Swiss, a Canadian and New Zealanders. The 17 they left behind stood

abandoned in the camp, cry-ing and holding onto each oth-er. They included two Ameri-cans who had managed to

crawl out of their tents and

hide in the undergrowth dur-

Linda Adams, from Califor-

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idea where they were heading.

The climb was arduous and some hostages, who were barefoot, could barely stand. There is a Ugandan Army

base barely 12 miles from the tourist camps and soldiers Il had guns."

were trying to track the kidnappers through the dense jungle undergrowth.

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> Yesterday was not the first attack on tourists, Last August

tourists became a killing

six holidaymakers who had crossed from Uganda into the Democratic Republic of Congo to track the gorillas were attacked and kidnapped by Rwandan Hutu rebels. Three are still missing, but Ugandan authorities believe that they

#### kept shouting that he was looking for Anglo-Saxons ?

bassador to Uganda, tried reasoning with one of the rebel leaders, pleading with him to release the women and children. While she tried to negotiate their freedom, gunmen charged the Gorilla Forest Camp which is run by a local branch of the Abercrombie

dragged out a young couple

who clung to each other.

Ms Adams said: "They were treating us as well as could be expected. We were sitting down under guns ... not neces-sarily pointing at us, but they

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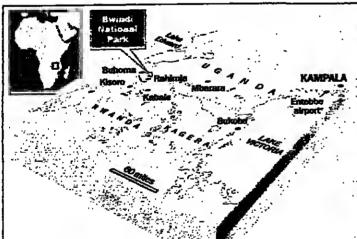
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150 Rwandan Hutu rebels raid three camp sites in the bwindi National Park at dawn. In total, 31 tourists are lidinapped including sk Britans, three Americans, three New Zealanders, a Canadian and an Australian. 17 tourists are second the lidinapping and

Eight of the remaining hostages, four Britons, two New Zeakenders and two Americans are killed by the Hubu rebels. Six are rescued by the Ugandan Army. Five hostages are found deed at the sorter of the mague. the scene of the rescue attempt, the bodies of the other three are discovered nearby and taken to Entebbe airport.

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best, but there is a shortage of

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Museveni: encouraged

gorilla tourism industry

UGANDA'S economy faces ruin if fears that the tourism industry will collapse prove correct. It has only been within the past ten years that Uganda has capitalised upon its natural resources to build up the tourism trade, but confidence in the country as a viable destination has already

tourism figures to encourage nations. The Ugandan Gov-

ger because it is tourist money that keeps the park going. Without it, heaven knows

what might happen.
"Schools and clinics are actually funded through a percentage of the gorilla tourism receipts. So it is going to have a devastating effect on the communities immediately next to the parks." She said that the conserva-

signed to ensure that local people were not forced to put gorillas under stress by looking for food and fuel in the Uganda boasts other attractions for tourists. It has one of the biggest collections of

tion programmes were de-

and the river Nile. Although tourism has been an industry encouraged by President Museveni, agriculture remains the traditional backbone of the economy and employs about 80 per cent of

birdlife in Africa, as well as

the Mufumbiro volcanoes

the active population. Government controls on the coffee and cotton industries have also been loosened and private exporters granted





By Adam Sherwin

ishing gorilla groups and conservationists now fear that the remaining 600 animals will be endangered. Jillian Miller, director of the London-based Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, said the murders could set the country's tourist industry back six years. She said: "All the wild-

begun to want. About 10,000 visitors arrive every year, boosting the frag-ile economy by about £5 million. Uganda has used rising investment from Western crament believes that investment is crucial if it is to combut the severe powerty across

The wildlife consultant Ian Redsoond yesterday cancelled an expedition to the region by a group of British tourists this month. "It is very disappointing, but there is nothing else I could have done," he said. "It is an absolute tragedy that the militia activity in Rwanda has

spilt over into Uganda." Tourism revenues are used to protect the safety of dimin-

# Howard finds eloquence no asset in the credibility game

HAT is it about Michael Howard? Few of those who regularly write up the per-formances of the chief Opposition spokesman on foreign af-fairs do so without a faint sense of guilt.

We rarely praise him: we usually mock him: we draw at-tention to that "night creature" quality that Ann Widdecombe once described, that six o'clock shadow made flesh: time and again we say that he lacks credibility, detracts from whatever cause he espouses.

or scares the children. All this is fair comment journalists have not invented the reactions he inspires.

And yet he's so damn good. Few can match the combination of energy, lucidity and inmands. There is no shortage of rent-a-quote Tory spokes-men who make a lot of noise. most of it incoherent: nor any shortage of more retiring peo-ple with better minds, like Peter Lilley. But for tireless persistence with a well-marmatchless. He just keeps pushing and he always makes his

Yesterday he was at it again, obviously with a bad cold, making a fine speech on the Foreign Affairs Select Committee's scathing report on the handling of the Sierra Leone affair. Howard's rheto-ric had a sort of relentless log-ic. He was well-briefed, with facts and judgments at his fingertips. He was clear, he was poised and he was eloquent. He was probably right, for heaven's sake! But he will



hardly be credited in this morning's press.

Twenty-one years ago, the executive of the Conservative Association in West Derbyshire, a safe Conservative seat, was interviewing a shortlist of four for the position of partiamentary

Among those four were

ent and smooth that his audi-ence began to doubt whether he believed what he was say-

now wonder whether this is unfair. I do not know Mr Howard well, but my opinion is changing. I suspect (some-times fear) that he really does believe what he says. He has rather stronger ideals in pub-lic life than most of his colleagues, though he can speak to a brief, like any minister. Friends say Howard is personally committed (to a degree unof the abiding causes in his

Many novels and plays have dealt with the theme of inarticulate passion: men and women too uneducated to communicate the depth their feelings: convinced of some great truth but incapable of arguing it through. And audiences love a rough-hewn diamond. The figure of the noble savage or dumb hero has always captured the popular im-

But is there, I wonder, an

nazis: the poor tongue-tied brute who cannot find words to express his conviction? Is it the over-educated. smooth-talk. ing bastard who cannot help sounding like a smooth-talking bastard, even when he really means it? Is this not the ultimate tragedy - an awkward idealist trapped in the body of sveite Welsh barrister, pas-

expression, is scorned as theto-And is that tragic figure Michael Howard?

sion which. finding too fluent

# Dome may run out of money, warns auditor

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

LABOUR MPs will today seek guarantees that the Government will not bail out the E758 million Millennium Dome after a report from the public spending watchdog raised "significant" doubts about its ability to pay its way.

In a paper described as "dynamite" by one MP, the Comptroller and Auditor General suggests that the Millennium Experience, the company responsible for the Dome, may need help from the Government or the Millennium Commission. Some £400 million is already coming from the National Lonery, leaving almost as much again to be found.

The company aims to raise £150 million in sponsorship and just under £200 million from ticket sales, merchandise and catering.

In a Commons monon to be tabled today, more than 30 Labour MPs demand a government statement - in the light of their "grave concern" about the Comptroller's findings --that "no further public funds" will be made available.

The Millennium Experience said last night the fears were misplaced and that it was completely confident there would be no need for taxpayers money. There had been a "dramatic" change in the picture since the latest accounts of the Millennium Commission were published last September. The based on these.

The Comptroller, Sir John Bourn, completed his report in October but it was not placed in the Commons library until last month. Sir John makes plain that the company's own auditors. Ernst and Young. had drawn anendon to inherent uncertainty about financial projections.

He says: "It is clear that there remains significant uncertainty as to the ultimate source and quantum for supplementary finance that may be necessary should income levels in particular not meas-



ure up to budget and forecast. "I observe from the [Millennium) commission's monitoring of the company's financial position that cashflow phasing might give rise to problems for the company and the commis-sion in 1999. In order for the Millennium Experience to be completed it may therefore be necessary for the commission or Government to identify ways of assisting the company

The commission would not be able to offer more lottery money to the Experience without parliamentary authority. However, it is prepared to allow it to have some £50 million to help with cash flow before

the Dome opens.
Last night the Millennium Experience said that since the last commission accounts were prepared it had secured a further £58 million towards the target £150 million in sponsorship. With that figure up to £120 million, there were further offers of £15 million and negotiations under way about the remaining £15 million.

It added that the revenue targets had been based on the Dome attracting 12 million visitors but recent polls suggested at least two million more visitors. "We are committed to delivering this project without taxpayers money.".



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or decides to leave the scheme,

Some £760 million in tax

payments have been deferred.

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enue official spent six weeks

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Michael Howard, who was

then in his 30s, and your

sketchwriter. I won. Since that

contest three people have told

me, on different occasions,

that Howard made a better

speech than I did - probably

the best of all the candidates.

Why, then, did he lose? The

answer has always been the

same: "He sounded too much

The Duke of York meeting crew members of the frigate HMS Boxer, on a goodwill mission to Ho Chi Minh City, after arriving yes-terday for a five-day official visit to Vietnam. Earlier he laid a wreath at the mausoleum of

Ho Chi Minh, leader of the north during the Vietnam war. He also had tea with the chairman of the city people's committee in the or-nate splendour of the municipal hall, once the residence of French governors.

### Officials expose art tax dodge

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

OWNERS of national treasures are reneging on pledges to open them to the public in return for substantial tax benefits from the Government,

A National Audit Office survey has found that that just 15 per cent of properties and artworks deemed to be "national heritage assets" are seen by members of the public each year, and that more than a quarter of the visits have taken more than two months to

People who own such properties are allowed to defer pay-ment of any inheritance tax if to arrange a viewing of six por-traits given as a gift to the natthey agree to conserve and ion in lieu of tax

#### Lawrence informants relocated

SCOTLAND Yard has rehoused informants who helped police in the Stephen Lawrence case and were mistakenly identified by Sir William Macpherson in his report last week (Stewart Tendler

Yard sources yesterday con-firmed that a number of people who gave police informa-tion about the murder had been moved from Eltham. south London, to new addresses, and that others had been given police protection.

Many of the informants named in the report lived on an estate linked to the five men later accused of the murder.

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Phone-tap rule lets IRA escape justice

IRA leaders are escaping justice because phone tap evidence is not allowed in court cases, the former legal adviser to MI5 told MPs yesterday. David Bickford told the Home Affairs Select Committee that international terrorists and gangsters involved in organised crime were also avoiding justice because of the failure of governments to act together. Mr Bickford called for changes to the law, the amalgamation of M15 and M16 and the creation of an international court to deal with worldwide crime in an effort to curb organised crime, which he said was "out of control".

#### Sniper accusation

A man was named in Belfast Crown Court yesterday as the IRA sniper who shot Lance Bombardier Stephen Restorick the last British soldier killed in Northern Ireland. Bernard McGinn. 41, on trial for the murder, allegedly told police he. was the back-up man and one of his co-accused, Michael Caraher, 31, was the gunman. Judgment was reserved.

#### Lorries to get priority

Lorries are to be given priority over cars on some urban roads, dual carriageways and motorways. John Reid, the Transport Minister, announced. The lorry lanes are among a range of measures to reduce the £15 hillion cost to business of traffic jams and make the eventual introduction of motorway and road tolls more palatable to transport operators.

#### Murderer on the run

A convicted killer who stole silverware from the home of Baroness Thatcher when she was Prime Minister was on the run last night after walking out of Ford Open Prison in West Sussex. Thomas Tangney, 49, described by police as ex-tremely violent, was jailed for life in 1980 for shooting dead a 61-year-old woman during a raid on her home.

#### Solicitors sue society

Solicitors are to take the Law Society to court after its governing body ruled that they cannot obtain their negligence insurance cover on the open market. The society's council voted by 32 to 29 in favour of keeping the compulsory mutual fund that sets insurance rates for all solicitors, despite a huge rise in premiums because of negligence claims.





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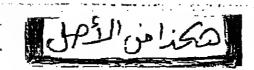
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# Nazis almost killed me with the Jews'

A WOMAN of 73 told the Old Bailey yesterday how she fell to her knees and kissed the boots of a German soldier as she pleaded for her life because she had been mistaken for a Jew

As she begged to be spared.
Anthony Sawoniuk, the man accused of helping to carry out Nazi genocide, did nothing to although he knew her

Sedora Yakimuk, 73, told Britain's first war crimes trial that she was a girl of 16 when 2,900 Jews were massacred in the village of Domachevo in Belarus. Her family lived there and owned a cow and a horse. She said that while she was reaping wheat in a field she had injured her arm with a sickle and her mother bandaged the wound with a rag af-

ter treating it with iodine.
The iodine had seeped through the bandage leaving a yellow stain which was similar to the colour of the patches the Jews were forced to wear.

Days after the main massacre, she said, she was walking down a road when she encoun-

Woman tells trial that she begged for her life as accused stood by and did nothing. Tim Jones reports

tered Mr Sawoniuk, who was accompanied by a German

They saw me and started shouting 'Jew, Jew' to make me stop. They got hold of me and started dragging me away to be shot. I was crying and fell to my knees and kissing the feet of the German, telling

them I was not a Jew." She added: "I was on my knees explaining I was not a Jew and pleading for my life. Although Andrusha [Mr Sawo-niuk] knew me well, he did nothing to protect me."

Mrs Yakimuk, who said Mr Sawoniuk's wife was godmother to the child of her older sister, said that when the German pulled off the bandage and saw what had happened he let her go.

In cross-examination by William Clegg, QC, for the de-fence, Mrs Yakimuk agreed she had never seen people old to young children.

her life in the area, said that before the Nazi invasion in 1941. there had been no anti-Semitic tension in the community. Local peasants, she said, and were all naked."

used to travel to Domachevo to exchange dairy produce for white flour, pickled fish and sweets. She said: "Before the war, the relationship between us was excellent." Another witness; Galina.

Puchkina, 68, said that on the day of the main massacre in the town, which occurred in 1942 during Yom Kippur, she attended as a girl of 11 a service at the Roman Catholic Church with her younger

She said that during the service a German officer and an interpreter entered the church and ordered the con-

were forced to witness groups of Jews from the ghetto being herded together and ordered to strip. 'They had yellow badges sewn onto the front and back of their clothes. They were of all ages, from the very

being beaten or shot. Mrs Yakimuk, who has lived all of "I could see people crying. They were all being taken to their death by the local police and the gendarmerie. They were all ordered to undress

Mrs Puchkina said that after the Jews had been marched out of her sight to-wards the forest, she heard the sound of machinegun fire and never saw them again. Later, she alleged, at a time

when Mr Sawoniuk had become the commander of the local police force, she and her family fled to the forest after being told they could be shot because of their suspected support for partisans.

Mr Sawoniuk, 77, a former British Rail ticket inspector of The trial continues:



Sedora Yakimuk Bailey yesterday: she told the court that Mr Sawoniuk saw German soldiers dragging her away to be shot

# Boy of 8 'lured to his death by bus driver'

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A BOY of eight was "befriended, groomed and seduced" before being murdered by a bus driver who had picked him up on his regular route, a jury heard yesterday.

The driver, Darren Vickers, gave Jamie Lavis special treats during the journey, allowing him to sit in the driver's seat and change the destination

After the boy's disappearance in May 1997, Vickers, 28, gained the confidence of the child's parents, apparently becoming so engrossed in help-ing them that he was sacked for missing work. Manchester

Crown Court was told: Jamie's body was found five months later, dismembered and hidden with some of his clothing in a wood near a golf course. Vickers, from Ashtonunder-Lyne, Manchester, denies abducting and murdering

Brian Leveson QC, for the prosecution, told the court that lamie had spent the day of his death, a bank holiday, on Vickers's bus. "The Crown allege that Jamie was befriended groomed and effectively seduced by Darren Vickers who, at the end of his shift, took him off in his motor car and at some place murdered him," he

Mr Leveson said that the boy had been allowed to change gears, give out tickets, open the doors and count cash. Security videos at the Ashton bus garage recorded him live

times during the day.

After the boy's disappearance, Mr Leveson said, Vickers "ingratiated himself on lamie's family and became a vigorous media campaigner in the search for Jamie, such that they became his most energetic supporters when the police investigation focused on him". He said that Vickers, who used a radio scanner to mon-

nor the police search for Jamie



Darren Vickers, above, was obsessed with the



and arrive at the scenes of rep orted sightings before police, had confessed his involvement in the boy's death to a friend. and then to another prisoner after his arrest.

Vickers later told police that Jamie's death was accidental. He said that he had lashed out at the boy when he grabbed some of the ticket money, causing him to fall backwards and hit his head on a luggage rack. But Mr Leveson said: "The

Crown do not accept for one moment that what he said about how Jamie came to die is the truth ... Certain it is that the body was dismembered by someone because experts on wildlife provide evidence that animals were not re-

The trial continues.

# Couple jailed for torturing child

A MAN and a woman were jailed yesterday for imprisoning and tornning a boy aged 12. They had inflicted more then 130 injuries on him.

Bournemouth Crown Court, Judge Patrick Hooten jailed the man for seven years and the woman for three. Childeen's charities later criticised the sentences as very lenient. A social worker had visited a house in Poole, Dorset, looking for the boy, who had not at-tended school. Told he was ill, the officer went away without seeing him. An independent child care agency is to review the background to the case.

The man, who has previous convictions, admitted actual bodily harm; the woman admitted three similar charges. Both admitted crueity and false imprisonment between last March II and April 27.

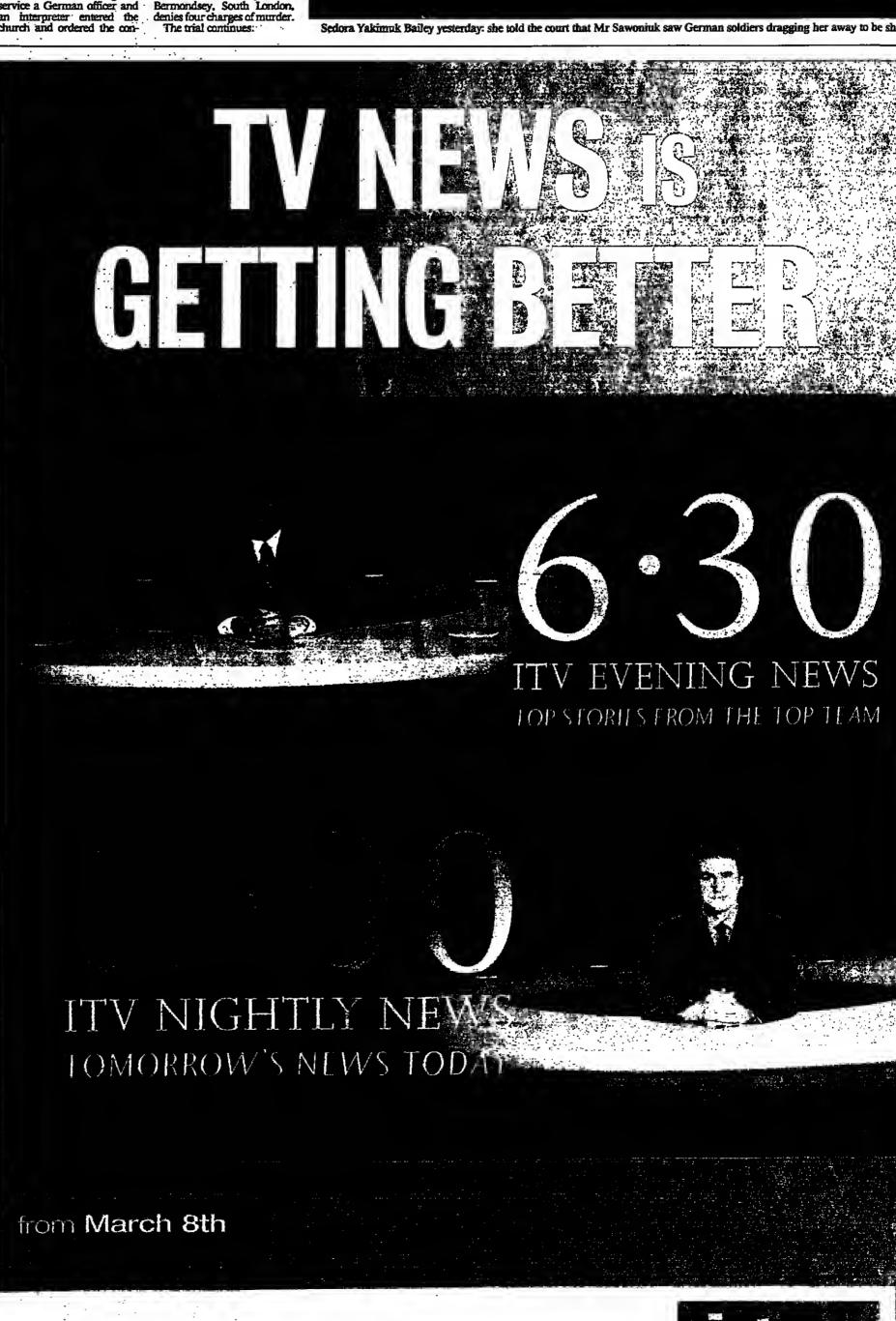
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# Don't die of embarrassment, cancer experts say

A simple test at home could cut the toll from bowel disease, reports Ian Murray

TWO pilot schemes for a pioneering screening programme for bowel can-cer that could save thousands of lives a year were approved yester-day. The aim is to overcome the embarrassment that prevents many people from seeking medical help for the condition until it is too late. Bowel or colorectal cancer kills 20,000 men and women a year in Britain, making it second only to lung cancer as the most common

form of the disease; yet most could

be saved if they had an early diag-

nosis. More than 30,000 cases of colorectal cancer are diagnosed every year and 93 per cent of deaths occur in people aged over 55. The former England football captain Bobby Moore and the actress Audrey Hepburn were among the victims of the disease.

The pilot schemes will cover 400,000 people in Coventry, Warwickshire, and Tayside, Grampian and Fife during the next two years. The £5 million programme will be the first of its kind in Europe when it starts in the autumn.

Everyone aged between 50 and 69 living in the pilot areas will be sent a simple kit that will enable them to take a faecal sample in the privacy of their home. The sample is then sent to a laboratory for testing and those with a trace of blood will be recalled for further tests to find out if pre-cancerous cells are responsible. The Health Department hopes that at least 60 per cent of those sent the sample kit will take the trouble to send it back. There will be a twoyear-evaluation programme to see if screening does cut the death rate from the disease. If it proves successful, the programme will be extended to the rest of the country. Announc-

ing the programme, Tessa Jowell, the Health Minister, said: "Many of the 20,000 who die could have been saved if their cancer had been found earlier but many suffer in silence, too embarrassed to tell their partners or even their doctors. But, if it is caught early, colorectal cancer is one of the most curable of all

The Cancer Research Campaign

welcomed the programme but said it was worried that too many people would still be too embarrassed to participate. "For too long the British public has quite literally been dying of embarrassment and we strongly urge people to back the screening project and help to put an end to this needless waste of life." Gordon McV-ie, director general of the campaign, said. "We believe that with early detection and treatment most of the people who die each year from the disease could be saved."

# Botham to hit the road

length of Britain again this autumn in aid of leukaemia research.

The former England cricket-er will start his 886-mile trek from John o'Groats to Land's End on October 14, hoping to finish in 34 days. It will be his eighth epic walk for the cause, adding to the £3.3 million he has raised for the Leukaemia Research Fund.

He said yesterday that, be-cause of logistical difficulties. this big walk would be his last although be would contin-ue raising funds for leuk-aemia research. "It's becoming very hard to put together there are problems with the volume of traffic. Local authorities and police have been very helpful in the previous walks: you can only ask for that help and generosity so many times." Botham said. "My interest in leukaemia research will carry on until leu-kaemia is beaten — then I will move on to something else." In 1985; Botham raised £1.1 million for the fund by

walking the length of Britain. Since then, he has undertaken six similar hikes — including his celebrated retracing of Hannihal's route over the

Yesterday Debbie Donison of South London, whose nine-year-old son Callum has leukaemia, said: "I think lan's brilliant. He's done so much

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Oyston in rape claim settlement

Owen Oyston, the business man jailed for rape, has reached an out-of-court settle ment with the former model he was convicted of attacking. He agreed terms with the

23-year-old woman after more than 24 hours of legal negotiations at the High Court in Birmingham. The woman, whose name cannot be published, had brought a claim for dam-ages, alleging that she had been left with permanent psychological damage after the at-

tack seven years ago.

Oystom, 65, is owner of
Blackpool Football Club and
is believed to be worth about
£40 million. He was jailed for six years in 1996 by Liverpool Crown Court. The settlement. approved by Mr Justice Smedley, meant that Oyston's victim, who was to at the time of the attack, was spared having to relive the ordeal in giving evidence.

#### Suspects freed

Irish police freed two men questioned about the Real IRA bombing in Omagh that killed 29 people. A man and a wornam remain under arrest. Another was a been charged with er man has been charged with conspiracy and belonging to an illegal organisation.

#### Lecturers' deal

College lecturers and the Association of Colleges an-nounced a deal to end a sixyear dispute over pay and con-ditions. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to national pay bargaining and agreed to talks on a range of issues.

#### Making a point

Plans for a 400ft millennium spire in the centre of Dublin have been approved despite strong public opposition. The illuminated monument will be built in O'Connell Street on the site of Nelson's Pillar. which was blown up in 1966.

#### Hunger strike bill

Barry Horne, the animal rights campaigner jailed for string of arson attacks, ran up a bill of £11,000 for hospital treatment during his hunger strike last year. The York NHS Trust wants the Home Office to pay most of the cost.

#### Bainbridge win

Beryl Bainbridge has won the El0.000 W.H. Smith Literary Award for Master Georgie, set in the Crimean War. John Carey, chairman of the judges, said: "Haunting poetic funny and nightmarish, it catches the madness of war."

#### Titanic search

A stained glass window made as a tribute to Frederick Humby, a former Barnardo's boy who died on the Titanic after helping passengers into the lifeboats, is being sought by the charity. It was in storage in 1969 but is now missing.

#### Flying visits

Record numbers of North American birds are wintering in Britain because of global warming. Fifteen varieties have been sighted, including the green-winged teal, black brent goose, pied-billed grebe and American herring gull.

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# again IAN BOTHAM is to walk the

BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

Sunbed clients

SUNBEDS can kill, the Health Education Authority declared vesterday. With up to three million people using them every year, the authority says that sunbeds could be responsible for a very high incidence of the most dangerous form of skin cancer.

The authority have begun a poster campaign showing the scars left by surgery to remove cancers caused by sunbathing. Although it conducts a similar campaign each year, it is worried that the message of the dangers of sunbathing are too often disregarded, Local authorides are being asked to phase out sunbeds from leisure and health centres as part of a skin cancer preven-

We know that young men and women are aware of the dangers of the sun but still regard a tan as attractive." Christopher New, the campaign manager, said. Those aged 16 to 24 are keenest on getting bronzed and 15 per cent of them, about 800,000, have at least one sunbed session a

Even though 40,000 people are found to have the disease

every year and the rates double every decade, the authority says that people are often unaware of the dangers or ignore the warnings. Many of those who do know that too much sunshine is dangerous do not realise that sunbeds are

just as bad. Ultraviolet radiation emit-ted by sunbeds is similar to that from the sun, which is responsible for most skin cancer. Half an hour on a sunbed can expose you to as much radiation as a day on the beach, according to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund,

Apart from the risk of cancer, sunbed tanning can cause burning, skin dryness and itching, a bumpy rash and eye irritacion or conjunctivitis.

Beverley Dodds from Liverpool, a former model who used to help to sell sunbeds. says that she developed Bowen's disease: flat, scaly skin on the hands and face that can become cancerous. She is certain that she developed the illness as a result of overusing a sunbed.

Apart from cancer, other long-term effects of too much sunning include premature ageing of the skin, blistering and cataracts. The greater the exposure, the greater the risk.
John Hawk, consultant

dermatologist at Sr Thomas Hospital, London, said this was building up trouble for the future. Skin cancers can take 20 years to develop and the sunbed industry is still relatively young," he said. "There are already cases of early skin cancer in people who have frequently used sunbeds and my concern is that in the next few years we will see a substantial increase in skin cancers and ageing in people who regularly use them."

The Sunbed Association said that using a sunbed sensibly in a controlled environment was a more responsible approach to getting a suntan than overexposure to sunlight.

A statement said that all 700 operator and hirer members of the association worked to a strict code of practice. This required health checks and a skin analysis, and the number of sessions recorded and monitored for each customer. All manufacturer members had to ensure that their sunbeds met European standards.



Ian Botham ready for another walk to help leukaemia sufferers like Callum Williams

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# District nurses struggle with growing workload

BY OUR MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE district nurse, a familiar feature of British life regarded with affection and humour, is a threatened species. A report out today describes an ageing and dwindling profession struggling with an increasing

More than a quarter of the 13,500 qualified nurses are over 50 and half intend to retire before they reach 60, says the Audil Commission. Their average age is 45, compared with 39 for the nursing

profession as a whole The public spending watchdog reports that the number entering training has shrunk by a third since 1990. At the same time, the ageing population means there is a growing call for nursing services in the

About 2.75 million people re-

ceive this kind of care, an 8 per cent increase since 1991. Nearly two thirds are over 65 and a quarter are between 75 and 84. The report finds that district

nurses have little control over their caseloads and 'manage their workloads by juggling, sometimes on a daily basis, the frequency or duration of their visits and discharge decisions. This method of management does not promote safe and effective practice."

Caseloads vary widely. Some district nurses have only 20 patients to look after, others

have up to 40.

Although only I per cent of patients are highly dependent on home nursing, they need a great deal of time. Two thirds of the group has to be seen at least once a day and a further

20 per cent at least three times

a week. The workload is made worse by the fact that one case in ten referred for treatment by GPs is inappropriate, costing the average trust £22,000 a year - enough to pay the annual salary of a senior nurse.

Out-of-hours care is patchy round the country, with a third of trusts providing no back-up after 5.30pm and only a quarter having staff on call round the clock.

"As a result, patients in some places are admitted to residential or nursing homes and even to hospital for care that could be, and in some plac-

es is, provided in the home." The report advocates better partnership between healthcare and social services and doing more to match the numbers and skills of nurses to the needs of patients.

# Britten's estate joins row over concert fees

BY DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE estate of Benjamin Britten is threatening to stop future licences to the Oxford University Press to publish the music of the great British

Donald Mitchell, chairman of the estate and the only surviving member of Britten's original executors, expressed outrage at a decision by the Performing Rights Society board, under the chairmanship of OUP's music director, Andrew Potter, to cut the income derived by composers and publishers from live

erformances. Dr Mitchell, who was chairman of the society in the early 1980s, said: "We have to think extremely carefully about whether we'd wish to con-

tinue publishing with Oxford University Press in these curious circumstances." How, he asked, was it possible for someone who was a music publisher to have made such a decision, one that would take a drastic toll oo

composers? "It would be mor-



Britten: publisher may lose licence for his music

ally impossible for us to cononue with a publishing house that is not protecting its com-posers or estates or interests." The decision of the society

to scrap a scheme set up in 1992 to supplement live performances of classical music to increase the distributions to the copyright holders bas upset the musical world.

John Sweeney, for the society, said that the classical music subsidy had "failed to apply support where it was needed or most valuable".

# Kissing game chased out as a health risk

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

FIVE-YEAR-OLDS have been banned from playing kiss chase in the school play-ground because their head reacher fears that the "ex-change of body fluids" could be a health risk. The game went too far for

Maureen FitzGerald, head of Chevnes Infant School at Luton, Bedfordshire, when some children started putting their tongues into other pupils mouths. She told parents in a letter that the school could not condone such "inappropriate behaviour".

Education officials backed Mrs FitzGerald yesterday, arguing that unwanted physical attention could cause distress. But Iona Opie, the chronicler of children's games, said the action was the latest in a series

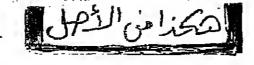
of "hysterical reactions" to in-nocent playground games. Mrs Opie said that even marbles had been barned in some schools recently, adding: "It is just another hysterical reaction to games that have been played safely for generations." Kiss chase dates from the Vic-

torian era, when it spread to schools from a more adult version played in Scottish farm-

Luton's "French kiss chase". played by children aged between four and seven, may owe more to copying clinches on television.

Parents outside the school supported the head teacher. Lynn Doyle said: "I think it was a small number of children involved but once one tried to put a tongue inside a mouth it could quickly spread. We are all concerned about meningitis and it was quite right for her to put a stop to kissing like that." Another parent said: "If my seven-year-old child came home and said a boy had his tongue in her mouth I would be the first to

be at the school complaining."
Luton Education Authority said it was not unusual for heads to ban the game, "Many other schools nationwide have sponded favourably to the bary found that children have rerung of games that involve un-



games, they refused to give him the ball, and in the video

for the single Live Forever, he

was made to sit in a grave

while the others threw dirt on

McCarroll, who now works at rehearsal studios in Man-chester and teaches drum-

ming, is one of a long line of

musicians, including Robbie Williams, George Michael, The Smiths and Spandau Bal-

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Robbie Williams, left, and Nigel Martin-Smith



Lost harmony: Paul Arthurs, Noel and Liam Gallagher, Paul McGuigan and Tony McCarroll before the split

# Oasis to pay sacked drummer £600,000

sacked by Oasis as the rock group achieved success in 1995 won a £600,000 settlement yes-

Tony McCarroll, who lost his place in the band after a fight in a Paris bar with the lead singer, Liam Gallagher, had sought up to £18 million, but legal sources said that he accepted the much smaller offer under the pressure of mounting legal fees. His lawyers negotiated the 11th-hour deal minutes before the case was due to be heard in the High Court.

The trial, which had been billed as potentially one of the most explosive in music history, attracted hundreds of journalists and fans. They packed the public gallery of Court 17 in the hope of hearing Liam and his brother Noel, who are notorious for their liberal use of expletives, giving evidence. Lawyers on both sides were said to be taking bets on who would say the "F-word" first.

By 10.30am, the diminutive McCarroll, dressed in a grey suit, had taken his place at the front of the court, but there was no sign of the brothers. Gallagher and it became clear that negotiations were going on behind the scenes. Shortly before Ham, Mr.Jus-

tice Rattee appeared and was told by Jonathan Rayner James, QC, for McCarroll: "The parties have come to terms and that will resolve all matters between the parties." The settlement will go before the judge for approval today.

McCarroll had claimed that

he had a five-album contract with the band, and had been "unlawfully expelled from the partnership". He had sought a one off payment of 20 per cent of the band's annual royalties.

Fear of huge fees forced musician to drop £18m claim and settle

ing by the brothers, who ridi-

culed his drumming, his intel-

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cording to a book by Oasis's

former road manager, Ian

During five-a-side football

Robertson.

out of court, Joanna Bale reports Such a settlement would have Gallagher in Paris was the culmination of months of bully-

been worth £10-18 million. As well as the Gallaghers, he was suing two other members of the band, Paul McGuigan and Paul "Bonehead" Arthurs, who was arrested last week after allegedly being drunk and abusive at a party for the opening of Tommy Hilfiger's new London fashion

store. Neither was in court.

After the hearing, McCarroll said: "I'm glad it is all over." Asked if he had made up with his former colleagues, he said: "No. I don't talk to them any more." He then left with friends, saying that he wanted to celebrate.

McCarroll, 27, played on the band's critically acclaimed de-but album, Definitely Maybe, and on Some Might Say, the Number One single from the second album, (What's the Story) Morning Glory, before being sacked over the telephone.

Oasis, led by the guitarist and songwriter Noel Gallagher, said that McCarroll had shown no interest in improving his allegedly poor drum-ming. Prior to McCarroll's departure, Liam told a magazine that the band's ambition was to "find a new drummer".

When McCarroll's place was taken by Alan White, he enlisted the services of the music industry solicitor Jens Hills. Mr Hills, who in 1995 secured £2 million for Pete Best, the drummer sacked by the Beatles before they became famous, yesterday declined to comment on the settlement. McCarroll's fight with Liam

# Take That star 'was neglected by manager'

By JOANNA BALE

THE man who launched Robbie Williams's career in the hit boy band Take That did nothing to stop him abusing alcohol and drugs when he be-came unable to cope with the pressures of fame, a court was

told yesterday.
Nigel Martin-Smith ignored his duties as a manager and left other members of the band to deal with its problems, according to Michael Silverleaf, QC, who is rep-

resenting Mr Williams. Mr Silverleaf, who emphasised that Mr Williams was just 16 when the band formed in 1990, said: "He was effectively only a boy who was under Mr Martin-Smith's personal tutelage and guidance. By 1994 Mr Williams was under considerable strain and what he needed was a guide and mentor who would make sure he would stay on the straight and narrow. He got nothing of the kind. He got almost no help at all from Mr Marin-Smith who regarded him as a difficult. awkward troublemaker who was to be whipped

into line or thrown out." Mr Silverleaf said: "So poor were his management services that in 1995 Gary Barlow [a band member complained that he was not managing."

As the other group members grew tired of Mr Williams's antics, and feared he would

Martin-Smith agreed it was time for the singer to go, said counsel. "What he should have been doing is guiding and assisting Mr Williams, not putting him to one side in the interests of the rest of the

Mr Williams eventually left the band in July 1995. Mr Sil-verleaf said: "Mr Martin-Smith had advised Mr Barlow and Mr Orange to give Mr Williams a choice. It was commit to the band or leave now."

Mr Williams, the only member of Take That to have enjoyed huge success since the group split, is appealing against a High Court ruling that ordered him to make a one-off payment of £90,000 to his former manager plus a per-centage of royalties until 2006. which could bring the total to

Richard Millett, counsel for Martin-Smith, said there was always a potential conflict of interests because the manager was looking after the band as

He said: "That inherent conflict became actual just because Mr Williams regarded himself in need of some extra special care and attention. Mr Martin-Smith thought it would inflame the situation to give that extra special care and attention. That does not make it a breach of duty."



Solo celebration: Tony McCarroll outside the High Court in London yesterday

#### **Gallagher** held the sticks on first album

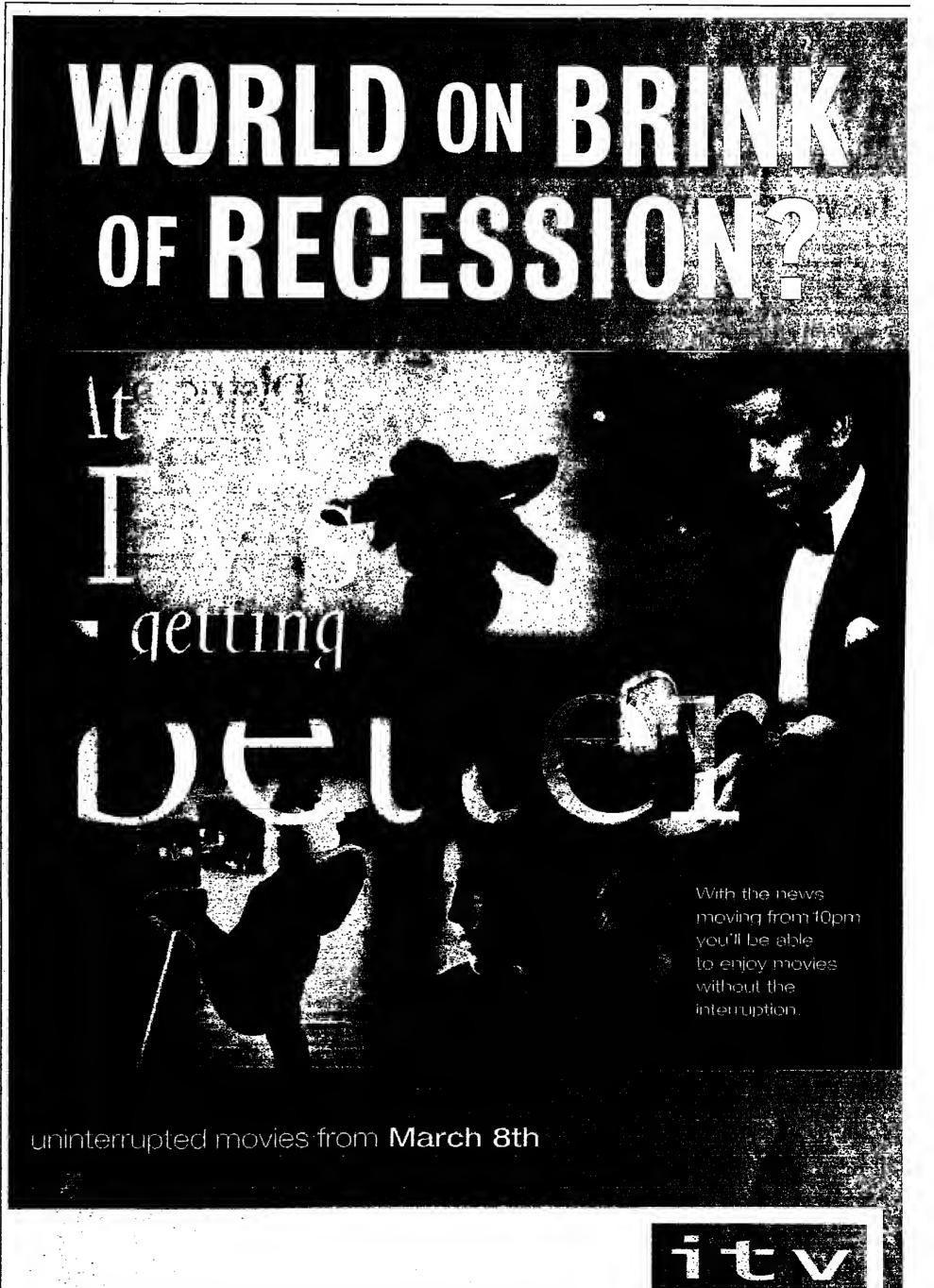
By Adam Sherwin

TONY McCARROLL'S performance was so unnaccepta-ble to Noel Gallagher that the Oasis songwriter played the drums himself on parts of the group's debut album, a former associate claimed last night.

Ian Robertson, Oasis's road manager during the period in which Mr McCarroll was sacked, said: "Noel played drums on several tracks of Definitely Maybe. Tony just wasn't doing it in the way Noel wanted it to be done. Noel is very protective of his music, so he overdubbed Tony's drumming with his own. He wanted to prove a

McCarroll went to a drumming coach in a last-ditch attempt to save his position with Oasis, according to Mr Robertson, who was himself

fired by the group. "Tony certainly deserves compensation. He might have become the drummer they wanted him to be. His straightforward style was a large part of the appeal of the early Oasis



#### Invading protesters dug up the lawn

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

PROTESTERS wearing combal gcar and balaclavas terrified a quarry manager's chil-dren when they invaded his garden in vans and cars.

lan Wardle's children fled in terror when, on Sunday afternoon, the dozen environmental protesters descended to dig up the lawn and steal a mower as part of their campaign to save a wildflower meadow. The activists, carrying shovels and spades, were retalizing for the meadow. near Bristol, being moved by

the firm Pioneer Aggregates.
They arrived at Mr Wardle's house in Chepstow, Monmouthshire. in a convoy and drove on to the lawns where he and his wife were playing with their three children. As the children fled. The pro-

testers began digging up the lawn, loading the vans with turf. Mr Wardle said yesterday: "The protesters claim to be non-violent but they left my three small children terrified." Gwent police said that they

were investigating what was a criminal offence.

# Islanders take Britain to court over eviction

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

ISLANDERS from the Indian Ocean accused Britain yesterday of illegally sending them into poverty-stricken exile in order to turn their home over

The High Court in London was told that in the Sixties 3,000 people were evicted from the Chagos archipelago, of which Diego Garcia is the principal island, and dumped 1.200 miles away in Mauri-

In a case affecting all those who had been dispossessed. Louis Bancoult, 51. chairman of the Chagos Refugees Group in Maurious, wants to challenge the ban on his return home. The result of his applicaoon for judicial review will be announced by Mr Justice Scott

Sydney Kentridge, QC, said

that the rights of islanders, known as the tlois, who have the status of British Dependent Territory Citizens, were still being violated. Diego Garcia, now the site of air and naval bases and a strategic communications facility, was the subject of a treaty between America and Britain in 1966,

during the Cold War. Mr Kentridge told the court that between 1966 and 1973 residents were removed from the Chagos, part of the British In-dian Ocean Territory, and pre-vented from returning. Many families had lived for up to five

tridge said.

The islanders had "a right of birth and citizenship" to return and an Immigration Ordinance of 1971 making an official permit pressure to their generations in the islands. cial permit necessary to visit the Chagos was unlawful, he In 1967 Mr Bancoult, who was born on the island of Per-os Banhos, visited Mauritius said. Mr Bancoult, who is not attending the hearing, is reso that his sister could receive medical treatment. When the ceiving legal aid. family tried to return home,

The application for leave to

they were told by the authori-

ties that ships had stopped go-

ing there. The evicted families were de-

prived of their livelihoods of farming, fishing and planta-tion work and left to fend for

themselves in Mauritius with-

out housing or social security. They suffered from destitution

and malnutrition. "No provi-

sion was made by the UK Gov-

ernment to enable the Ilois to

settle into Mauritius," Mr Ken-



The island of Diego Garcia, handed over for US military bases and strategic defence

seek judicial review is contested by the Government, which says that the High Court has no jurisdiction to consider the

Richard Gifford, Mr Bancoult's solicitor, said outside the court that suicide and depression are commonplace among the dispossessed islanders. "The main aim is for these people to go home," he said.

"The integration experiment in Mauritius has not worked." Chagos means "wounds of Christ", a name given by early Portuguese seafarers. The is-lands were uninhabited before the French settled in 1776 as

fishermen and coconut farmers and set up a leper colony. With the defeat of Napoleon in 1815, the islanders came under British colonial rule and

were joined by migrants from Africa and India, developing a

Creole dialect. They became a matriarchal society because male lepers were more vulnerable to early death. The population grew to

1,800. One of the few Western visitors, the Fifties journalist James Cameron, called it a beauty spot of unrivalled tranquillity and beauty".

#### Adams hits **RUC plans** to box in **New York**

By MARTIN FLETCHER

A CHARITY boxing tourna-nent featuring the Royal Ul-ster Constabulary in New York faced cancellation last night following pressure from Gerry Adams and Sinn Fein supporters in America.

The March 19 tournament is supposed to raise money for a New York police officer seriously injured on duty, but Manhattan's state-operated Jacob Javits Convention Centre has now told the organisers it can no longer stage the event because it needs to prepare for

The centre's announcement came after Mr Adams sent letters to the state governor. New York's mayor and other top officials saying the invitation to the RUC amounted to "an endorse-ment of the discredited force".

The RUC said it was "sad that some people seek to turn what is simply a charity event into some sort of political point-scoring exercise

This was the first time the New York Police Department had invited the RUC to join its annual tournament.

# IS PICKING A WINNING PEP POT LUCK?

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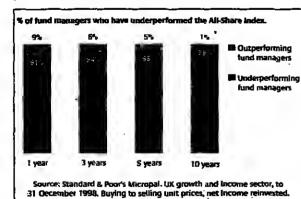
Trawling through the financial pages for your last PEP is a bit like entering a crowded bazaar with store holders shouting at you from all angles. Who do you buy from? The one who shouts the loudest or the one that 'promises' you the best deal?

Ideally, before making such a decision you'll want the added confidence and reassurance that can only come from a truly impartial and credible source. That's why we asked The WM Company, one of the world's leading investment performance consultants, to shine an independent

If you can spare five minutes to read their findings, we promise it will make the task of choosing your last PEP considerably easier. We start with the remarkable fact that has led to one of the biggest debates ever in the investment industry, and which triggered the

#### THE INDUSTRY'S BEST KEPT SECRET

Before we entered the PEP market, we looked at the hundreds of PEPs on offer and discovered that less than one in ten actively managed funds outperformed the FT-SE Actuaries' All-Share Index of the top 828 UK companies - the industry benchmark for performance.



'Tracker' funds, which simply track their

chosen index by investing in all the companies that make it up, are not new. But before Virgin's high profile launch four years ago, trackers accounted for only a tiny part of the UK investment market. Why, you might ask? Especially as the chances of finding an 'actively' managed fund, where the manager succeeds in outperforming the index by 'carefully' choosing shares, seems so remote.

#### A TRULY OBJECTIVE VIEW

It's this issue that we asked WM to consider. After all, the first decision you need to make when choosing your PEP is whether to go for a tracker fund or to try to find an active fund manager who can beat it.

WM studied the performance of funds in the UK Growth & Income sector over 20 years to the end of 1998. These funds can be directly



compared with the FT-SE All-Share Index.

They found that in any five year period, active funds had around a one in four chance of outperforming a tracker. Over longer periods, they fared even worse.

These figures take into account annual management charges but not the initial charges levied by active funds. Allowing for all charges reduces the odds still further and it's easy to see why.

The average actively managed PEP has total charges over a five year period of 11.5% (source: Best PEP). Compare this with a typical tracker fund with no initial charge and a 1% annual management charge (just 5% over five years) and it becomes clear what a tough job an active manager has on his hands. He needs to outperform the market by 6.5% just to keep pace with a tracker!

#### BUT ARE ACTIVE FUNDS A GAMBLE WORTH TAKING?

It would seem not. WM found, not surprisingly, that to give them a chance of outperforming trackers, active funds took on more risk. This resulted In wild fluctuations in performance which were not generally associated with higher returns. In WM's own words "active investors were not being rewarded for the extra risk,"

#### THERE'S WORSE NEWS TO COME

Even so, many PEP investors are still willing to try and upset the odds by finding that elusive outperforming fund manager. And the generally accepted way of choosing is to look at a fund's

However, this is the area where WM's findings are most disturbing. They concluded that, as a whole, the top performing actively managed funds over a five year period had no more than a random chance of being the top performing funds over the following five year

What's more, the evidence suggested that the very poor performers actually had a better chance of being the stars of the future than the former stars themselves!

WM's conclusion was that "the key to benefiting from active management is the identification of superior managers before their superiority shows. Past performance figures would appear to have a limited role in this process". What hope then is there for finding that elusive manager?

#### NARROW THE FIELD

If your instinct is still to gamble, that's fine provided you're happy with the odds. If, however, you feel the risks of active management are just not worth it and trackers offer more for less, read on...





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# Art trade hopes new codes will \* crack crime

By Dalya Alberge ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A SERIES of voluntary codes to reduce the illicit trade in art and antiques was introduced yesterday with the support of the Home Office, the art trade and the police.

Dealers and auctioneers are recommended to ask vendors to provide a name and address and to sign a form confirming that they are authorised to sell an item. They are advised to be suspicious of any piece whose asking price or request-ed reserve is below the market value and where a vendor wants cash. If dealers suspect something is stolen, they should "attempt to retain the item while inquiries are

The need for action is highlighted by a recent survey vention of Art Theft. The registered charity, whose membership ranges from museums to the police, found that 150 privately owned historic properties open to the public have in the past five years suffered 196 thefts or attempted thefts. Some 994 objects worth £14.75 million were stolen: only 7 per

cent have been recovered. Mark Dalrymple, the council's chairman, said it was not only worried about famous art collections. "We are equally concerned to protect the family heirlooms found in many homes. These objects are not necessarily valuable in cash terms, but which may be of great sentimental value."

After three years' research, codes of "due diligence" have been developed by the Council for the Prevention of Art Theft with the Association of Chief Police Officers, the Norfolk Constabulary and the Metropolitan Police.

They have been adopted by organisations including the British Antique Dealers Association and the Antiquarian Booksellers Association. However, Peter Gwynn,



stolen from a museum in Turkey, one of the most

principal security surveyor at the insurers Hiscox and former head of the City of London Police CID, was among those who doubted whether some organisations would fully subscribe to the codes. They might instead use a "watered

He said the public should be careful when shopping for smaller items such as silver. jewellery. clocks. ceramics and glass and to ask dealers whether they have signed up to a "due diligence" code of conduct through a recognised

trade association. The trade body LAPADA. which represents 700,000 art and antiques dealers, is among those publishing its own code. Malcolm Hord, the chief executive, said its lawyers had advised amendments. The council's codes imposed some obligations "that bordered on the impractical. for example consulting loss registers in the case of a piece of furniture. There was also a sense that the code would create "an obligation on dealers to act as policemen".

LINKS

CoPat www.copat.freeserve.co.uk Trace, a database of stolen works: www.trace.co.uk The Getty Information Institute for information about the Object ID scheme: www.gii.getty.edu/pco

# Family terrorised by territorial pets

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES, WEST OF ENGLAND CORRESPONDENT

A MARMOSET seemed a lovely pel to cheer up a boy who had had an operation. But the Williams family had to flee their home when the monkey and its mate became enraged at the sight of a human being. Greg and Pauline Williams, of Bristol, found that the male marmosel and their son Jordon, 8, got on famously; the monkey would sit on Jordon's shoulder and watch television. Things went wrong after the Wiltiamses bought a mate for their son's new friend. The marmoset pair, named Josh and Cruella, "bonded" and tore the kitchen apparent.

tore the kitchen apart, smashing crockery, and turning on the Williamses, hurling things

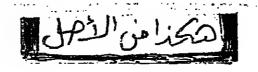
at them and biting and scratch-

ing them and pulling their hair. The RSPCA was called in Inspector John Pollock said: "It was terrifying. We wore protective hats because. we don't have to deal with: monkeys very often. At first they showed their bottoms and

then they attacked."

Mr Williams, 51, a builder. said: "It was a nightmare you had to duck in and out in case they attacked. They would jump at you in a pincer move-

The monkeys now have the run of a large cage in a wildlife park in Somerser. An animal behaviourist, Emma Magnus, said: 'When a marmosel bonds with a female they become very territorial."



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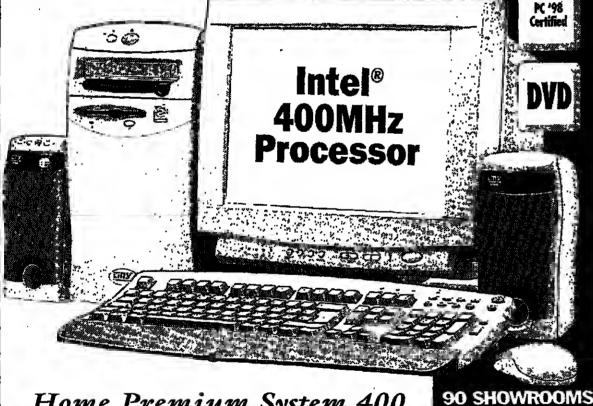
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# What happens when figures don't add up



raised rates last June and cited fears over wage growth. However, last October, the Office of National Statistics surprised everyone by making unscheduled revisions which showed pay growth to have been even faster than previously thought. Then, a week later, further revisions showed that earnings the monthly movements of growth was much weaker. the retail price index -The Bank and Treasury

were furious, not just be-cause vital data turned out to have been wrong but also be-cause ministers had been preaching pay restraint. An immediate inquiry was or-dered and a 123-page report was published yesterday by the Treasury.

This contains a three-page chronology of a classic Whitehall mess-up. The methodological was the size of the sample. Amid public apologies for failure by the ONS, Patricia Hewitt, the Ecocomic Secretary and one of the few ministers capable of grasping the issues involved, accepted the change will be greater in-volvement of outside experts

and users in handling poten-tial difficulties.

In the event, the latest data turns out not to be that different from the original figures. So Mervyn King, the Bank's Deputy Governor, was able to play down the impact of the error in influencing last vear's increases in interest

The Government has just received an efficiency report on the ONS identifying sub-stantial savings, possibly of up to a fifth of its budget. In opposition, Labour proposed making the ONS independent and accountable to Parliament. The Treasury is consulting on a variety of op-tions, of which the most likely are creating a governing board with a non-executive chairman or an independent statistics commission, together with more accountability to Parliament. The integrity and accuracy of statistics are too important to be left to

# Police and councils face league table test

By IIII, SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LEAGUE tables are to be drawn up to measure the performance of police, transport, social services, local govern-ment and other public services in a drive to increase stand-

Alan Milburn, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, will announce today that the tables, previously confined to schools and hospitals, will be extended across all Whitehall departments. He believes that standards will be forced up as the public is given more information about the best and the worst services.

For example, Dyfed-Powys Police detects 55 per cent of crimes committed while Gloucestershire detects only 20 per cent. Similarly, local council binmen miss on average 53 out of every 100,000 rubbish bins but those in Liverpool miss 6,244, according to auditors' reports. Mr Milburn will also an-

nounce measures to hold ministers to account for delivering better services and to ensure that both the public and publie-sector staff play their part. Ministers will have to deliv-

er regular progress reports on meeting Treasury targets and the Government will set up telephone hotlines to involve the public. Staff will also be given incentives through performance-related pay and improved salaries in more senior

In his first main speech since he moved to the Treasury after the reshuffle when Peter Mandelson resigned. Mr Milburn will argue that it is time for Labour to deliver its election promises. He will say that if the public doubts that



Alan Milburn believes that standards will be forced up

Labour can deliver its manifesto pledges it will not be re-elected and the government priority should now be output rather than input.

"It is not enough to spend an extra £40 billion on schools and hospitals and expect to be re-elected." Mr Milburn will say. "The key test is whether

or not the public can tell that we are making a difference to their public services - whether it is smaller class sizes. shorter waiting lists or more reliable transport services. These are the yardsticks by which the public will judge

Speaking at the Trades Un-

ion Congress headquarters. Mr Milburn will point out that new Labour has adopted a new approach. "Old Labour defended services driven by the needs of producers, not consumers. We were prepared to tolerate mediocrity just because it was in the public sec-tor. The sole fixation was the size of the public spending cake," he will say.

This has been the "virility" test between Old Labour and the New Right, he will say. The New Right wants less public spending, while Old Labour wants more. But we need to be more focused on what really counts: what we get out of what we put in."

Last December the Government announced 375 policy targets and 170 efficiency targets to cover most Whitehall departments which were linked to public-expenditure ceilings.

In the next few weeks Mr Milburn will publish new targets for social security, the Sure Start programme for young children and the coun-tryside. The first progress reports are expected in the next six weeks, with further information in the annual report this securer ----

The new Cabinet committee, the PSX or "modernising" committee, will also be calling the four biggest-spending ministers to account over the next

they have met. The committee, chaired by Gordon Brown, will be interrogating Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, Jack Straw. the Home Secretary, John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, and David Blunkett,

the Education Secretary. The committee includes Mr Milburn, Lord Irvine of Lairg, Jack Cunningham, the Minister for the Cabinet and Baroness Jay of Paddington.

#### Aid offer gets Cook out of arms row

BY MARK INGLESIELD POLITICAL REPORTER

ROBIN COOK pledged a £10 million assistance package to Sierra Leone yesterday to help to restore peace and stability to the troubled West African state.

The Foreign Secretary made the announcement in the Commons as he came under renewed criticism over his handling of the Foreign Office's involvement in the arms-to-Afri-ca affair. Michael Howard. the Shadow Foreign Secretary, said that two reports on the affair had contained "devastating" criticisms of the ministers and officials involved. But Mr Howard's fire was drawn by Mr Cook's offer of aid. Mr Čook said the £10 million would be given to Eco-mog, the West African peacekeeping force based in the country. 'This will provide further support for its efforts to

provide security," he said. Mr Cook said the money, the largest single payment to Sierra Leone by the Foreign Of-fice, would be used to encourage demilitarisation and to create a future civilian life for those currently attached to the rebel forces. The money would also fund a British military training team to rebuild the Si-

erra Leone army.
The Tories had called for a debate to discuss the conduct of Mr Cook and his ministers over the handling of the two arms-to-Africa inquiries. Last week it was disclosed that the Foreign Affairs Select Committee inquiry was leaked to him in advance.

### Blair calls for EU to learn from US

By JILL SHERMAN

TONY BLAIR last night called for a new dialogue between the European Union and America to help to ensure the success of the single currency. The Prime Minister told fel-

low socialist leaders in Europe that the euro was only a foundation and would not work unless accompanied by economic reform across the Continent. Speaking at the conference of socialist parties in Milan. Tony Blair said lessons could

be learned from the Demacrats in the US. "We can't argue with the fact that US un-employment is lower, growth higher — and it's not all lowskill service jobs," he said. "The prices are often more competitive. This is not an argument to undermine the Eu-

ropean Social Model. It is an argument to modernise it." Just as European defence policy should be compatible with Nato policy, so in economic matters "we can open up a new dialogue building bridges between the US and the EU," he said.

'As the leader of a country that has declared its intention to join the euro in the future. provided that the conditions are right. I can say this with perhaps greater justification than before to those now in the eurozone," Mr Blair said. The euro needed to be accompanied by "real economic reform that tackles the fundamental supply-side weaknesses of the European economy".

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FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

**owners** 

DOG-OWNERS have joined taxi drivers, cyclists, roller-bladers and old men who feed the pigeons as the latest target of New York's increasingly controversial crackdown on quality of life" crimes.

Police in Manhatian's well-troducu well-trodien Riverside and Central Parks have begun fining dog-walkers who let their pooches off the lead between 9 am and 9 pm, except in designated

In the first three days of the campaign the pet police issued 127 leash-law summonses, more than ten times the normal number. The public sup-port is high. Many park users were being turned off by reckless dogs," said Henry Stern, the parks

The city is now seeking approval for an increase in the maximum fine from \$400 (£250) to \$1,000, with £100 being the normal pen-alty for a first offence. The parks department is promising to set up a database of repeat offenders.

The decision to step up enforcement of the long ignored "leash law" was taken after three freeroaming alsatian dogs mauled a pensioner in Central Park last autumn. But dog-owners are howling in protest, saying that the city should grant their pets more space.

Jeffrey Zahn, president of Friends and Lovers of Riverside Area Life. which represents L000 dog-owners, said the city set aside only 1 per cent of his favourite park for dogs, even though dog-walkers accounted for 15 per cent of all visitors.

Many New Yorkers are nonpiussed by the sudden enforcement of obscure by laws. "Quality of life" summonses have soared by 40 per cent to 500,000 a year since Rudolph Giulni was elected as the city's first Republican Mayor in a generation.

# Pet police | Spiderman to join screen superheroes

and Superman before him, is at last destined for Hollywood. The humanoid with the webbed skin and supernatural strength is to be the star of his

own blockbuster with a budget expected to reach \$200 million (£125 million) and household names queueing up to play him. Jim Carrey and Leonardo DiCaprio are among those said to be interested in the part, which became available after a late-night deal between Sony Pictures and the Marvel Entertainment Group. ending one of the longest rights battles in film history.

Sony's Columbia Pictures division will pay Marvel be-tween \$10 million and \$15 million as an advance against a portion of the box-office gross. The two companies will split

Comic-strip star finally cuts the legal web, writes Giles Whittell

the huge proceeds from sales of Spiderman souvenirs. The deal was agreed only after Sony and Marvel reached a separate accord with MGM, hours before a trial was due to assign ownership of Spiderman rights. Le-gal obstacles remain, but the internet yesterday had the news that the Holy Grail of action films was at hand; a Spiderman epic directed by Titanic's James Cameron.

Conceived in 1962 by Stan

ruptcy only last year, Mr Cameron, the toast of the film industry after Titanic's spectacular effects and \$1.8 billion in worldwide receipts. was paid \$3 million in 1991 for a "treatment", or outline, for a Spiderman film, John Calley, Sony's chairman, said his stutreatment as part of Sunday's deal. The consensus is that the film will be the Hollywood event when it is released.

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President Clinton outside a bookshop in Park City, Utah, where he had to borrow money from a Secret Service agent after his expired credit card was rejected

#### Clinton passes the buck as credit fails

FROM IAN BRODLE

MOST shoppers know how Bill Clinton felt when he plonked down his American Express card to buy four books - only to have it rejected. The presidential plas-

ne had expired the day before. "I ran it through the machine and back it came saying out of date." said Courtney Gannon, an assistant at Dolly's bookshop in the ski resort of Park City, Utah, where the

Clintons spent a short break. Mr Clinton laughed and said: "I probably have the new one at home." He did not have the necessary \$62 (£38) so a Secret Service agent helped him out with a shortterm loan. The books were John Grisham's The Testament and Raymond Chandler's Playback, plus two non-fiction books, India, a history by Stanley Wolpert, and In Light of India, by Octavio Paz, an author and poet who spent six years in Delhi. Mr Clinton cancelled a visit to India last year, after it and neighbouring Pakistan exploded nuclear devices. The trip has not yet been rescheduled.

A new poll shows Mr Clinton holding his high job-approval rating of 66 per cent, despite allegations by Juanita Broaddrick that he raped her 21 years ago.

Linda Tripp is meanwhile returning to the Pentagon in a new job. She has been working from home on a training manual since her tape recordings set off the Lewinsky scandal. Her new post will be as a public affairs specialist in the

# Starr inquiry turns America against independent counsels

BY IAN BRODIE

THE Clinton Administration yesterday joined a growing chorus of voices opposed to extending the independent counsel law that enabled Kenneth Starr to accuse the President of impeachable offences over his affair with Monica Lewinsky.

The law is so fundamentally awell had nought to be scrapped. said Bric Holder, deputy attorneygeneral, in a report to the House Judiciary Committee which voted

along party lines for articles of impeachment against Mr Clinton last

The Watergate-era law covering investigation of alleged crimes by the President and other senior government officials is due to expire on June 30 unless Congress renews it. Until now, the Clinton Adminis-

tration has supported the law which was intended to prevent a repetition of Richard Nixon's infamous "Saturday Night Massacre" when he dismissed Archibald Cox for getting

too close to uncovering wrongdoing in the White House.

Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, has been criticised in recent months for refusing to appoint an independent counsel to investigate fund-raising abuses by the Clinton-Gore presidential campaign in 1996.

In fact, the law has suited neither Democrats nor Republicans who complained that the independent counsel enjoyed unlimited time and budgets for investigations.

Democrats are still seething over

Mr Starr's continuing inquiries for which the bill is approaching \$50 million (E31 million). Republicans were aggrieved by the prolonged in-dependent counsel investigation into the Iran-Contra scandal dating

from the Reagan era.

Suggested alternatives to the law would put greater constraints on an independent counsel. Some voices have been raised against ditching the law in the wake of ill feeling-

caused by the Lewinsky affair. "Cool it, think about it for a while and let the temper of these rimes soften," said the widely respected Howard Baker, a senator during Watergate and later President Reagan's chief of staff.

There has been a sharp decline in political support for the law, once considered essential to the integrity of investigating misconduct by highlevel officials but now feared as concentraring unchecked powers in the hands of a single lawyer.

Mr Starr has done much to undermine the law by creating the public

perception of a relentless pursuer of Mr Clinton and his associates dating back to Arkansas days. There have been 20 independent prosecutors of whom 13 had returned no indictments by last November.

Manchester, New Hampshires Pat Buchanan, 60, the fiery conservative who shook up the past two presidential elections, launched his third White House campaign yesterday, vowing to fight a "polluted and poisoned" popular American culture. (Reuters)

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The Hollywood elite are queueing to play Spiderman

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# Budget curbs end the euro honeymoon

FRESH signs emerged yester-day of a widening economic gap among the nacons of euroland, reinforcing worries over

the single currency's stability. Figures showing diverging inflation rates heightened concern that the economies of the 11-nacion zone are moving out of step. with Germany and Italy slowing, growth continuing in France and especially strong in Spain. The Netherlands and Ireland.

This prospect of an economic faultline through euroland is adding to pressure on the currency, which has lost 7 per cent of its value against the dollar compared with its launch two months ago, and which fell to a new low this week. It is also fuelling tension between the social democrat poliocians who run most European governments and the fiercely independent European Central Bank (ECB), which manages the currency with the primary goal of fighting inflation. EU officials are denying

there is any cause for alarm, noong that the longer-term outlook is healthy. "It's early days. We're not worried about anything, but you could say the euro's honeymoon is over." an EU official said yesterday.

The unexpected slide in the euro's value and the stumbling German economy have put paid to the "euro-phoria" of the January launch, when EU leaders hailed the dawn of a strong new global currency that would spur growth in euroland and enable members 10 overtake the United States.

With anxiety in the air, all eyes are on Frankfurt where the ECB will decide tomorrow whether to leave the euro's interest rate unchanged at 3 per cent, or drop it in deference to Germany and the other states that are desperate to stimulate growth. Wim Duisenberg, the ECB's chief, is indicating that the bank will do nothing, "Our perspective is based on the euro zone and not just Germany," he said this week.

In other words, Germany. whose Finance Minister, Oskar Lafontaine, has been pub-

Diverging inflation rates

raise concern for stability, Charles **Bremner** writes from Brussels

licly attacking the bank, faces a potential lesson in the implications of the one-size-fits-all regime of interest rates that critics see as the euro's big flaw. With interest rates set centrally, the main tool for governments is budget policy, but their hands are tied by tight eu-

ro-inspired ceilings on deficits.

If the German economy moves seriously out of line with those of France and others, the potencial for policial trouble is great, because of the country's place as the biggest EU economy and anchor of the currency scheme.

Criocal politicians say the bank is too focused on its paramount duty of fighting inflaoon, which held steady in January at an annual 0.8 per cent in the 11 euro states — com-pared with a slight rise to 1.6 per cent in Britain. Germany. where fear of deflation is grow-

Duisenberg: bank will not defer to Germany

ing, was steady at 0.2 per cent. The rate dropped in Italy, but rose in France, Spain, The Netherlands and Belgium. In-flation in Portugal. The Netherlands and Ireland is run-ning above the 2 per cent ceil-

ing set by the bank.
Echoed by many experts,
Mr Duisenberg, is blaming
the troubles of Germany and the other high unemployment states on a failure to reform their economies by injecting greater flexibility. The left-wing leaders hit back from a social democrat congress in Milan this week with demands for the bank to take employment into account.

Mr Duisenberg is accusing the politicians, and Herr Lafontaine in particular, of fuelling the slide in the euro value with their attacks on bank policy. The other explanation for the slippage, Mr Duisenberg says, is the continuing boom in the United States. It is taken as given that the more Herr Lafontaine attacks the bank, the less willing it will be to seem to comply with the Germans by dropping rates. Mr Duisenberg is part of an

establishment chorus insisting that the euro's market slide is a short-term phenomenon that offers no threat to the currency zone. The euro is strong compared with the value of the old nacional currencies a year ago and foreign investors are still pouring money into euro-denominated bonds, they note This implies that the bank is not about to raise interest rates

to support the currency.
In effectively talking down the euro, Herr Lafontaine is making clear that Germany is not worried about a weak currency. The main benefit is that this makes euro zone exports er, other policians and many EU officials see a weak euro as a bad advertisement for the credibility of Europe's grand monetary scheme. Against this background, EU leaders are delighted by Tony Blair's enthusiasm for the currency.

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Max Mara's 1999 autumn/winter ready-to-wear collection was unveiled in Milan yesterday, transforming couture trends into designs suitable for the high street

# Mara makes his mark

FROM LISA ARMSTRONG, FASHION EDITOR, IN MILAN

THERE are days wheo you can forget that Milan's fashioo industry is more concerned with money than creativity and days when you can-

not - like yesterday.

Day three of Milan Fashion

Week kicked off with Max Mara, whose flagship collec-tion specialises in beautifully made clothes, especially coats. and distils hot trends into wearable designs.

On that basis, next season we are going to be seeing a lot of duffel coats, leather detailing, fringed hems and camel hair, evening and night, worked into long full skirts and dresses with appliqued gold patchwork. This wasn't ground-breaking stuff, but it

was all slick, beautifully made and extremely desirable. Unlike the attempt at Eighties revivalism by Alessandro

dell'Acqua later in the day. Treading where angels fear to, and he certainly shouldn't have, dell'Acqua dredged up the worst of the last decade and did nothing to ameliorate it. Out trudged bat-wing sleeves, leather drainpipe trousers and pussycat bows.

This was the kind of collection press releases optimistically described as edectic. Another word would be dross.

# Giants escape chainsaw in lumber deal

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE majestic ancient redwoods of northern California's Headwaters Forest have been saved from the chainsaw in an eleventhhour deal reached after more than a decade of sometimes violent struggle and the allo-cation of nearly half a billion dollars in public funds.

The trees, some of which are thought to be as old as Christianity, tower over younger redwoods in remote hill country, six hours' drive north of San Francisco.

As the largest groves of their kind still in private hands, they were in danger of being felled for sale by the Pacific Lumber Company until it agreed to preserve them late on Monday. Some 5,000 acres of "old-growth" forest will be preserved within a 10,000-acre parcel to be managed by state officials.

In addition, a much larger tract which provides a buffer zone round the ancient trees will be subject to strict rules on where and when the company may log. In return, Pacific Lumber will receive \$250 million (£153 million) from the federal Government and another \$230 million in all from California.

President Clinton, who has warmed to the environment as a political theme, even though few conserva-tionists admire his track record, praised the deal as he returned to Washington from a Utah skiing holiday. These redwoods are a natural treasure, as much a part of our legacy as the world's great libraries and cathedrals," he said.

Initially agreed two years ago, the deal had to be signed by Monday or the fed-

eral funds would no longer have been available. It appeared to be scuppered when Pacific Lumber withdrew from talks last

Friday. But the company re-

entered negotiations by tele-

phone on Monday, apparently on the same terms as before. The intense negotiations also involved Bruce Babbitt, the Interior Secretary, and state resources officials.

Under the deal, the company may not touch the oldest trees and is barred from logging within 30ft of salmon streams in the 210,000 acre buffer zone.

"It was a gruelling experience, but the results are acceptable," John Campbell, president of Pacific Lumber,

Logging next to streams in recent years has clogged them with silt and led to the near-extinction of the local coho salmon. Pacific Lumber, a 130-year-old firm, was known until 1985 as a cautious steward of its lands.

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It was then bought by the Houston-based Maxxam Corporation, which had no history of forest management and sought to maximise logging revenues to help service debts acquired as a result of an unrelated sav-ings and loan débacle in the 1980s.

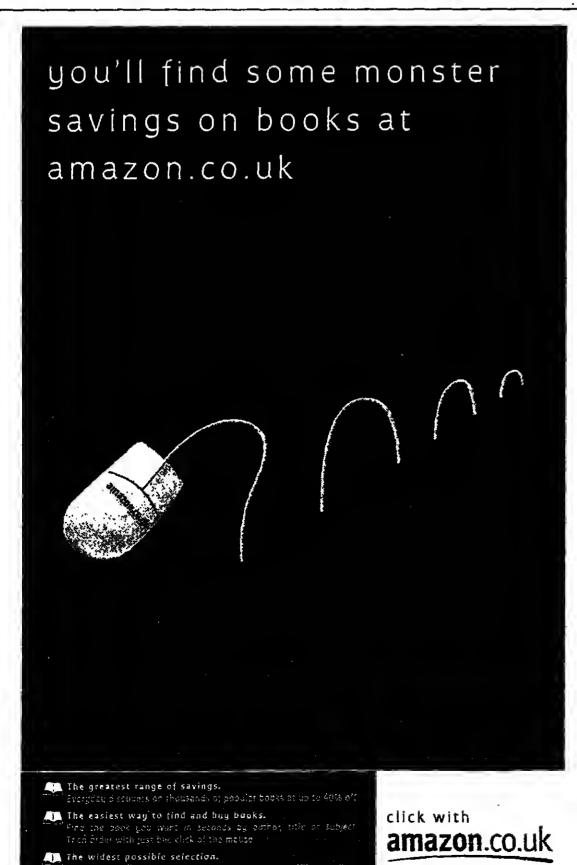
The Maxxam chairman. Charles Hurwitz, has steadfastly refused to talk to environmentalists and has become a favourite bogeyman of the environmental

More than 1,000 protesters were arrested in the Headwaters Forest in 1996. and a smaller group made headlines the following year when police daubed liquid pepper spray on their eyes to end a sit-in in the company's head office.

On a nearby ridge, Julia "Butterfly" Hill has broken records with a 15-month "tree-sit" in the upper branches of a still unprotected ancient redwood. She has vowed to stay there until a logging moratorium is declared for the entire region.



Saved from the chainsaw: some of the Californian redwoods are thought to be as old as Christianity



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# **Israeli Opposition** 'will quit Lebanon'

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pledged to bring troops home from south Lebanon within one year of becoming Prime Minister (Christopher Walker writes). His announcement put the issue of withdrawal from Lebanon at the centre of the country's bitter election campaign.

Mr Barak's televised pledge caught the national mood as Israel buried Brigadier-General Erez Gerstein, 38, killed in southern Lebanon by the Hezbollah. His proposal also came as The Jerusalem Post featured an article to "Leave Lebanon" and Haaretz ran a column headlined "Let's Just Get The Hell Out".

Nigerian youths riot

Lagos: At least one person was killed and four were injured when mobs of Yoruba youths armed with petrol bombs attacked and destroyed two police stations, a police spokesman said. The protesters used sledgehammers to free dozens of prisoners. They also attacked of the band of a life of the band of the statement of the band of the band of the statement of the band of t also attacked officers and cut off the hand of a woman. Both staoons are in strongholds of Olu Falae, who lost Saturday's Nigerian presidential election to General Olusegun Obasanjo. (AP)

### Air France jet hijacked

gers surrendered to police at Charles de Gaulle airport. The Italian-speaking man hijacked the A320 Airbus flying from Marseilles to Paris Orly after threatening to detonate a bomb, (Susan Bell writes). The pilot diverted to the capital's main airport. The hijacker released most passengers but six stayed with the crew while negotiations continued until his surrender.

#### Violinist awarded £18m

Chicago: A jury has awarded a prizewinning violinist Rachel Barton, 24, right, \$29.6 million (£18.5 million) for a train accident that cost her a leg and part of a foot. She was dragged more than 100 yards from a subur-ban platform when the strap of her violin case caught in a closing door in 1995. Railway lawyers claimed that she kept hold of the strap because her 200-year-old Amad violin was worth \$500,000. (AP)



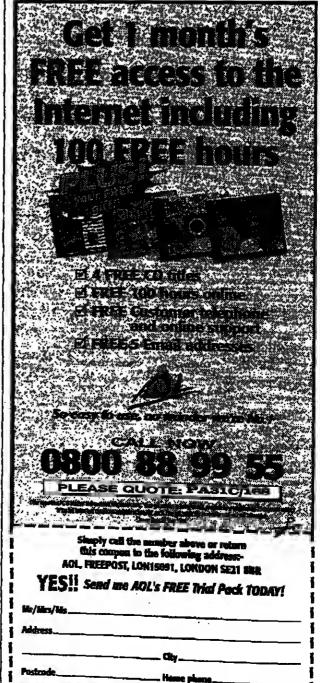
#### Clay warriors moulder

Beijing: China's 2,000-year-old Terracotta Warriors are going mouldy because of the breath of thousands of tourists. Experts quoted in the China Daily said visitors to the site, near Xian, had raised temperature and humidity levels in buildings covering the ancient pits. About 7,000 clay soldiers were buried to guard the mausoleum of China's first emperor, Qin Shihuang. (AFP)

### Pope aims for rap hit

Rome: The Vatican is to release a CD of the Pope's homilies and prayers set to rap music, as part of the 76-year-old pontiffs drive to "reach out to the young", officials said (Richard Owen writes).

Abba Pater. masterminded by Sony Milan and Vatican Radio, will be released in 50 countries later this month. The Vatican hopes it will outself the theme to Titanic.



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# Eurocratic red tape stops French from hunting the bunting

the ontolan, which has the mis-

fortune to taste like a mixture of

truffles and foie gras, has been in legal limbo. Although hunt-ing the hunting is technically

illegal because it is not on the list

of officially sanctioned game

hirds, local authorities turned a

blind eye to the practice.



THE plight of the tiny ortolan, a songbird regarded as one of the greatest delicacies in haute cuisine, will finally be resolved this week after an 18-year battle as the French Government agrees reluctantly to put the bunting on a list of protected hirds.

The move came after the European Court of Justice threatened to fine the Government Fr700,000 (£73,000) a day if it continued to drag its feet over im-plementing a 1981 decree from its own Environment Ministry which would effectively ban

hunting of the songbirds. Successive governments have avoided enforcing the ban, for fear of antagonising the hunting lobby. So far, the only noticeable effect of the decree has been to raise the price of ortolans, which can fetch up to £35 on the black The threat of a huge fine has saved the

ortolan from the Gallic table, write Susan Bell in Paris and Derwent May

market. France's highest legal body, the Conseil d'Etat, ordered the Government to pay a Fr500 daily fine last month for failing to implement the ruling. But an Environment Ministry spokeswoman admitted yester-day that it was the threat of the enormous fine to the European Commission which forced the Government to capitulate.

Ortolan consumption is not for the faint of heart. Once the An estimated 150,000 ortolans hirds are trapped, they are fatare captured and eaten every autened on grain for several weeks tumn as they migrate through before their beaks are plunged southwest France on their way into Armagnac and their to North Africa and the Middle East. Once it lands in France. gizzards removed. The bird is garnished and baked for seven

an elaborate ceremony.

The Gallic passion for this for-

bidden delicacy was highlighted when the dying François Mitter-rand gorged himself on two of the hirds at a last supper on New Year's Eve three years ago.

As is the custom, the former President draped his head with a large white linen napkin to protect fellow diners from the horrific speciacle as he consumed the charred birds whole. According to witnesses, there was an embarrassed silence broken only by the sound of crunching bones. Mitterrand then leaned back in his chair, beaming with ecsta-

Alain Juppé, the former Prime Minister and Gaullist Mayor of Bordeaux, who holds the dubi-

sy. Eight days later he died.

mioutes before being devoured ous distinction of being the least popular leader since records began, succeeded in outraging the electorate, animal rights groups and Brigitte Bardot, the self-appointed defender of French wildlife, when he committed the political faux pas of admitting to Elle magazine that be too had indulged in a feast of ortolans.

A spokeswoman for the antihunting association, the Rassemhlement d'Opposants à la Chasse, said yesterday: The Eu-ropean population of ortolans is m decline. The Government must act swiftly."

The hunting lobby retorted that hunting ortolans is a tradition which goes back to the Romans and that only 40,000 are killed each year, amounting to less than 2 per cent of the Euro-

Ortolan buntings are common in summer across most of Europe. They do not nest in Britain but you can sometimes stumble across one that has drifted over the North Sea in autumn, when they migrate southwards.

They are about 6in long and look like pink-hreasted yellowhammers. The males are particularly beautiful, with a greenish head, a yellow moustache and a yellow hib. They have stout beaks and long tails. Like yellowhammers, they sing in hedges and bushes in scrubland or along the edge of fields, but their

song is a sweeter run of notes. They are plump, which is what commends them to the ta-ble. There are more than ten million pairs breeding in Europe every summer, so they are not a particularly endangered species.

# Hardliner quits as political chief of Kosovo rebels

ADEM DEMACI, the father figure of the Kosovo Liberation Army, yesterday stepped down as its political front man after regional commanders said they could no longer accept his hardline stance, which is blocking the Contact Group's peace plans for the

The 64-year-old former political prisoner had been expected for several days to resign. after he was attacked in the Pristina press for undermining the Rambouillet peace talks and dashing American hopes of using airstrikes to break Belgrade's resistance to a Nato implementation force. Yesterday KLA sources confirmed that the bespectacled maverick, whose political dream was a southeastern Europe federation called "Balkania", had been summoned to KLA headquarters in the Drenica region over the weekend, where he received his

marching orders. Mr Demaci put a brave face on events, telling a press con-ference: "Since there are peo-

ple who can deal with politics better than I can, I have come here today to say farewell to you as the general political representative of the KLA." The KLA sources also said regional commanders ad been worried that Mr Demaci's fragile health was not up to the rigours of the peace negotiations. He suffers from diabetes, and travels regularly for treatment at a clinic in Lythljana. He also uses the Siovene capital as a base to meet the KLA's financial and military backers and is thought likely to remain

active behind the scenes. His removal clears the way for an injection of youth into the KLA's hierarchy, and yesterday Jakup Krasnicki, the guerrillas' spokesman, confirmed that Hashim Thaci, 29. will be Prime Minister of an interim "Kosova" government that will rule KLA territory until elections are held under the Contact Group constitution for the province

Mr Krasnicki also said that the guerrillas have been invited to send a delegation to Washington before the next round of peace talks begins at Evreux in Normandy on March 15. The news has outraged Belgrade, where the main government newspaper, Politika, yesterday accused the State Department of com-

plicity in genocide in Kosovo. There is speculation in Pris-tina that Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, will encourage the KLA to give up its weapons and transform itself into the KLP, or Kosovo Liberation Party. Along with Christopher Hill, the mediator, she is known to want the KLA leaders to commit themselves to signing the Contact Group peace plan before the Evreux talks begin.

Diplomatic sources in Belgrade confirmed last night that, whatever America might engineer ahead of the conference, its hope of threatening the Serb delegation again with airstrikes was diminishing "The US does not have the sup-port of its European allies," one official said. There's no longer the will to bomb.



Adem Demaci in Pristina yesterday after resigning as the political representative of the KLA. Mr Demaci had attracted criticism for his opposition to peace talks

# British troops rehearse for peace mission

FROM MICHAEL EVANS IN KRIVOLAC, MACEDONIA

ON a dusty plain in the middle of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 100 miles from Kosovo, thousands of British troops are assembling with tanks and artillery for a peacekeeping operation across the Yugoslav border.

A total of 2,900 British troops are training to be part of the proposed 28,000-man multinational Nato-led force. Yesterday, watched by George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, the King's Royal Hussars - who last week were in Germany - fired live rounds from Challenger tanks across the plain at Krivolac.

By March 12, three days before the extended Kosovo peace talks resume at a French airbase at Evreux, the number of British troops in Macedonia will have increased to 4,400 and if a peace settlement is signed, they will increase to 8,400.

Yesterday, on a brief visit to the troops at the Macedonian Army training area near Krivolac, Mr Robertson observed how large sections of the British Army have rapidly deployed from Germany to this tiny country which has a population of only two million. The training ground was

filled with about 150 armoured vehicles, including 14 Challenger tanks. Addressing hundreds of troops from the lead battle group based around the King's Royal Hussars. Mr Robertson promised that they would not have to "fight their way" into Kosovo.

He emphasised that the proposed operation would be peacekeeping, not military in-tervention. However, he was not able to say when or if they would cross into Kosovo.

Mr Robertson estimated that Operation Agricola, the codename for Britain's participation in the proposed Kosovo Force (Kfor), would cost £150 million in the first six months. The French are also here in

rowing numbers, and 2,000 US Marines are waiting off the Greek port of Salonika for the order to land and move up into Macedonia.

Provisionally. Kosovo has been divided into five "regional command boundaries" for the Nato peacekeeping operation, with the British in central and southern areas of the province. The Americans have provisionally been allocated the north, the French and Italians the east and west, and the Germans the southwest.

# Cook visits a rudderless Russia

ROBIN COOK, who arrives in the northern port of Murmansk today to visit a nuclear reprocessing plant, has pressing issues to discuss with the Russian Government, including Kosovo and the Russian arms to Iraq scandal.

But the Foreign Secretary has come to a country whose President is in hospital once again and whose Prime Minister is on holiday in the Black Sea resort of Sochi amid rumours that his vacation was not voluntarily undertaken and that his removal is afoot. Mr Cook is due to fly to So-

chi on Friday for a meeting with Yevgeni Primakov, the Prime Minister and the man tipped to be Russia's next President, although he continues firmly if unconvincingly to deny any intention of running. A new poll puts dissatisfaction with President Yeltsin at 90 per cent and approval of Mr Primakov at 56 per cent and, if one is to believe the Russian press. it is this discrepancy in ranngs that may be the Prime

Minister's undoing. Mr Yeltsin does not take well to those who would step into his shoes and Mr Primakov's public appearances have noticeably multiplied in recent days. It is believed that the ailing Mr Yeltsin's sudden return to work a fortnight ago, the cause of his renewed hospitalisarion, was precipitated by Mr Primakov's increasingly

high profile. Dmitri Yakushkin. the presidential press spokesman, said that Mr Yeltsin had firmly persuaded" Mr Primakov to go on holiday. Rumours,

meanwhile, are rife that senior government members upon whom the Prime Minister

relies might be for the chop. The Prime Minister's enthusiasm to maintain a firm hold over the media and Russia's unruly regions has been much in evidence lately and Interfax reported yesterday that a meeting with President Clinton might be included in his visit

to Washington this month.

Figuratively speaking, he [Primakov] has caught up with Yuri Luzhkov [the Mayor of Moscowl in terms of 'cutting ribbons." Argumenti i Fakti said.

Komsomolskaya Pravda speculated that a Cabinet reshuffle may take place while Mr Primakov is in Sochi. The continuing media speculation about Mr Primakov's intentions and Mr Yeltsin's attitude towards them prompted the two men to make a joint television appearance last week in which the President declared that he would remain in office until 2000 and that Mr Primakov would remain Prime Minister until that

☐ Siberian stand-off: About 60 fundamentalist Christians took over a public building in the Yakutskaya region of eastern Siberia, and threatened to commit suicide if the authorities forced them out, Russian

media reported yesterday. Security forces surrounded the district huilding in Aldan. which was taken over by Pente costalists on Monday to protest against a January decision by residents of their village. Kutana, to expel them. (AFP)

### Swiss to test story of guard's suicide

exhume the body of a young member of the Swiss Guards who murdered his commanding officer last year, accord-Times readers are invited to a rare evening ing to Italian press reports. Il Messaggero said Swiss magistrates had agreed to a request by Muguette Bauday-Tornay, the mother of Vice-

Corporal Cedrie Tornay, for her son's body to be exhumed so that experts could establish whether the Vatican's version of the tragedy was correct.

Last month the Vatican released its nine-month inquiry which concluded that Tornay, 23, had shot dead

Colonei Alois Estermann. 44, and his wife. Gladys, 49, in a "fit of madness" in May after being passed over for promotion and military honours. He then killed himself. But his mother, who lives

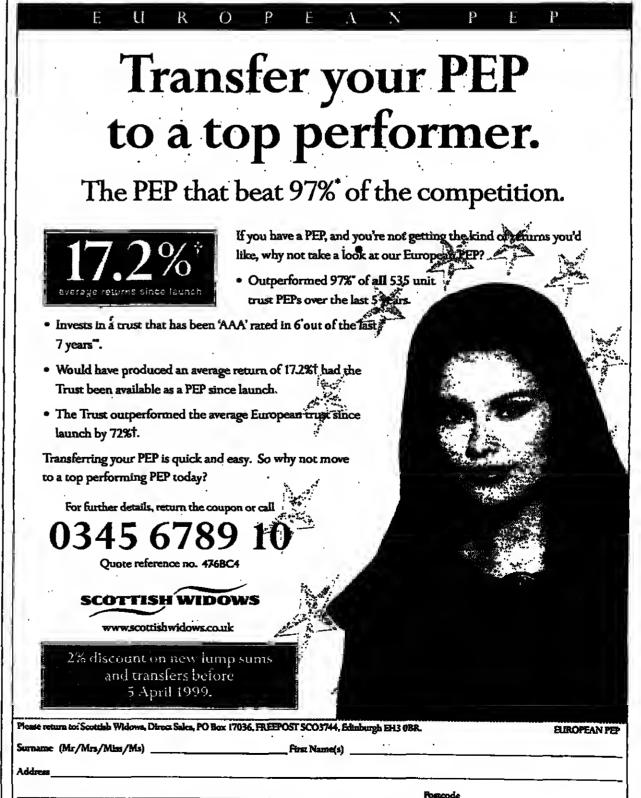
in Switzerland, said she believed her son had been framed. One theory says there was a plot inside the Vatican to kill Estermann. said by German papers to have been an agent for East Germany before the fall of communism. He was killed the day he became the new

report, Tornay shot himself through the mouth. But his mother said a new post-mortem examination coold prove whether the trajectory of the bullet was consistent with suicide, or whether it showed he had been murdered. Gianluigi Marrone, the

Vatican lawyer who conducted the inquiry, said be was confident any examination of Tornay's body would confirm



Tornay: mother claims



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# Cold facts of global warming

The discovery of ancient ice at the South Pole is forcing a rethink on climate theories, says Nicholas Booth

how Dr David Sugden de-scribes living conditions at the South Pole where he moves around in the coruscating cold in layers of clothes and impressivelooking hoods.

He could just as well be describing the enduring controversy about the frozen continent's climate. For years, glaciologists have debated whether the Antarctic climate has undergone periodic warmings or remained freezing cold. As the man who discovered the world's oldest ice. Dr Sugden believes he has solved the mystery.

A professor of geography at Edinburgh University, he believes he has proof that the Antarctic has

long been in deep freeze, implying that the Earth's climate as a Reports of whole is far more resilient than had been a global thought. Reports of catastrophic effects to come from global warming warming may well be exaggerated. he says. catastrophe

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We've argued that the Antarctic ice has been very stable for a long time. Now we have shown that there is a genuinely large lump of ancient ice in a dry valley. Its survival implies that the climate must have been

similar in the past." Few people thought that ice could survive for eight million years. even in Antarctica. Along with American colleagues. Dr Sugden published his findings in 1995, but there was little reaction from the outside world. Chris McKay, a biologist with Nasa, observes: "They produced a paper called 'Miocene lee in Antarctica'. That's another way of saying This is the world's oldest ice. Most ice on Earth has only been around for a few hundred thousand years.'

Recently, Mr McKay shared a tent with Dr Sugden on the floor of Beacon Valley in Antarctica, where they were equipped with drills and ground-penetrating radars.

The dry valleys are associated with tragedies of earlier expeditions. They were discovered by Robert Falcon Scott on his first visit to the southern continent in 1905.

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n Antarctica, you are either too hot or too cold. That's how Dr David Sugden delation. Climatically, they are bi-zarre — drier than the Gobi desert with little water vapour available to fall as snow. They are cut off from the nearby ice by the towering Transantarctic Mountains and, over the millennia, have been pep-pered with volcanic ash and dust.

"I've been down to the south a dozen times," Dr Sugden says. "It came as quite a surprise to find old. glacial ice under the rubble of the dry valleys."

The ice in Antarctica plays a fundamental role in modifying climate. Although it covers only about 10 per cent of the total landmass on Earth, Antarctica contains about 90

per cent of the world's ice. Polar icecaps keep the Earth cool, with the ice limiting the exchange of heat between the atmosphere and the ocean in the polar regions. What happens to Antarctic ice is viewed as a marker for global climate change: the first signs of global warming are likely be seen at the South Pole,

controversy The stems from the disputed age of the ice in the dry valleys and hangs on the question of how hot or cold the climate has been in the past. The advocates of periodically warmer cli-

mates have examined microscopic flora which could have thrived in warmer times if the surrounding regions were deglaciated. "We think these things blew in from elsewhere at a later date." Dr Sugden says. They are found so widely in the ice over the rest of the continent." He and his colleagues have come

at the problem from a different angle: volcanic ash. There are active volcanoes in Antarctica today; in the past, they could have spewed untold quantities of ash and dust into the atmosphere which rained down into the dry valleys. By looking at argon isotopes within the ash, Dr Sugden's team has dated the loe to eight million years. After their earlier paper, more recent ex-tensive analyses have bolstered their findings. "When you have nine out of ten grains giving you

this age, you can be pretty certain you're right," he says. But could the ice have been just a few metres deep and a more recent phenomenon, caused by water seepwarmed by sunlight during the austral summer? Samples of the ice, analysed by Belgian researchers, show that their structure is glacial. having the characteristic shape of snowflakes packed together over time. And the ground radar used on the most recent research trip shows that the ice extends for at

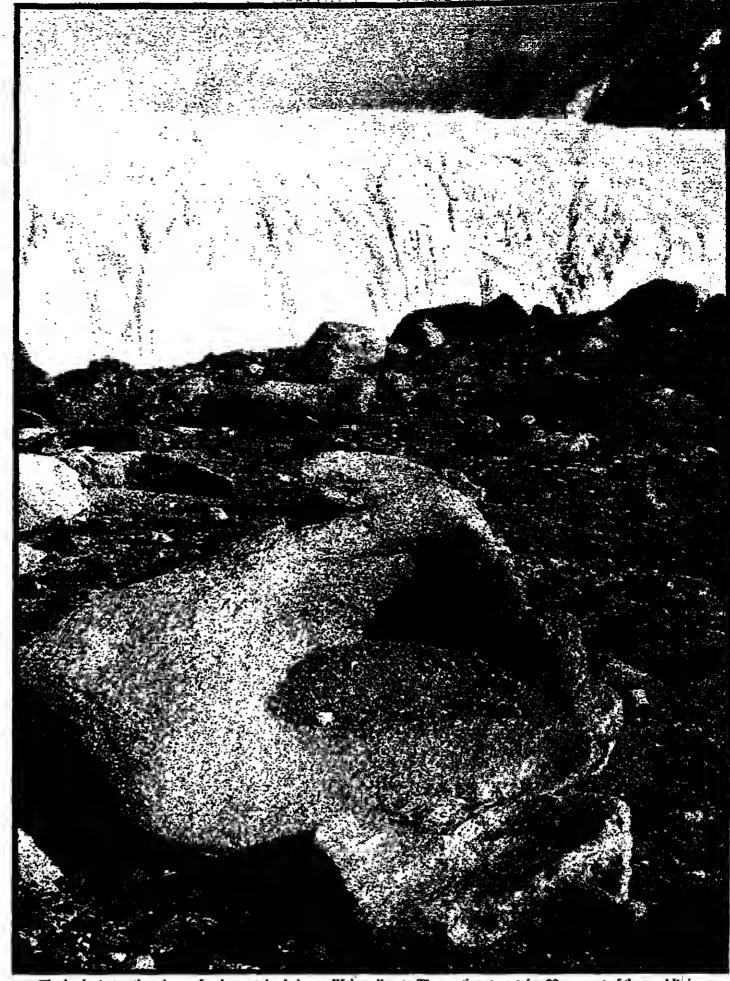
least 120 metres below the surface. What does this mean? Dr Sugden believes that it could have a curious outcome on the future of the continent. The Antarctic is bisected by the Transantarctic Mountains. Climatically, it is a continent of two halves, a distinction which informs the debate on global warming.

Western Antarctica is more unstable because most of the land on which the ice rests is below sea level. Ice continues to spread out to the sea, forming ice shelves that are glued to the landmass by the freezing cold. The ice is like a ship that is aground." Dr Sugden says. "Its weight keeps it moored there." If temperatures rise, the sea level could rise by a few metres, though this has not been measured yet.

But Eastern Antarctica, in which the dry valleys are located, is a different matter. Containing ten times more ice than the western half, the results from Beacon Valley suggest that it is much more stable. Eastern Antarctica is effectively a giant dome of ice that rises some four kilo-metres above sea level because its

underlying rock is higher.
Dr Sugden believes that this larger part of the ice sheet will act as its own thermostat and control the climatic conditions. Increase the temperature and water will go into the atmosphere as vapour, form snow and, paradoxically, increase the snow cover. "To get rid of this ice, you're going to have to do some-thing very, very drastic," he adds. "Our findings show that the climate has been stable in the past and would be expected to remain so."

If all the ice in Antarctica were melted, then global sea levels could rise by 60 metres. But Dr Sugden believes that the curious ice found in the dry valleys is telling us that that is a very unlikely event indeed.



The ice in Antarctica plays a fundamental role in modifying climate. The continent contains 90 per cent of the world's ice

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# Wanted: a rich man to back bright ideas

IS THERE a multimillionaire out there willing to support a new approach to funding research? It comes with a good track record, heavyweight supporters and the backing of the British Technology Group. All it needs is a few million pounds from someone who does not share the view that, as far as British science is concerned, all is for the best in the best of all possible worlds.

The man behind the Breakthrough Research Fund is Don Braben, a physicist-turned-Whitehall science adviser who, for a decade in the 1980s, ran a company called Venture Research. Backed

by BP, Venture Research sought radical ideas in research, the sort that scientists find difficult to fund through conventional chan-nels. By 1990, when a shift in corporate policy ended BP's interest. Venture Research had supported some 26 research programmes at a total cost of £15 million - not a lot of money com-

pared with the research councils.

Given that scientists turned to Venture because the usual avenues were closed to them, the success rate was high. Among Braben's chosen few was Oxford chemist Steve Davis, whose company. Oxford Asymmetry, is now worth more than £200 million. Venture also supported Ken Seddon, then at Sussex, now a professor at Queen's University, Belfast, whose new approach to chemical solvents is attracting con-

Since BP pulled the plug, Braben has been looking for new sponsors. An obvious target



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Nigel Hawkes

Nesta has apparently decided against supporting him.

Braben argues that his approach is the best way of getting money to highly creative scientists whose ideas are unlikely to appeal to the committees that dominate research council funding. In his recent book

was Nesta, the National Endow-

an income of £10 million a year to

support such people, so on the face

of it they make a perfect match for

Braben and his new initiative, the

Breakthrough Research Fund. But

Egg and Ego, Professor Jonathan Slack, of the University of Bath, identifies the problem as the fact that nothing is funded unless it is guaranteed to succeed - and that proposals that are guaranteed to succeed are not at all interesting.

Research is like investment on the financial market," he says. "Small rewards can be had for little risk, but big rewards mean big risks indeed." And asking a committee to set research strategy "has about as much chance of showing creativity and originality as a large canvas painted by a committee of art school directors".

Brahen's catch is that to escape from committees he has to persuade a committee to back him. Despairing of that, he is now combing the lists of the world's richest men in the hope of finding one prepared to set the ball rolling. "We have shown we can do it," he says. "This is a great opportunity we could be throwing away."

#### Sound way to protect the whales



TWO British consultants, Douglas Gillespie and Oliver Chappell, have deAlequ.

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vised a way to protect whales and dolphins from the loud noises made by oil prospectors. A common technique when searching for oil under the seabed involves creating seismic waves by explosives and then observing their reflection off

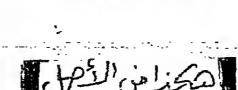
the underlying rock strata. This can provide hints about

where oil and gas may be Whales and dolphins have sensitive ears, which they use for long-distance communication. Because of the potential harm that explosions may do. many countries now ban this technique when whales or dolphins are sighted. But in rough weather they can be hard to spot.

The alternative proposed by the two consultants, and reported in Scientific Computing World, is a software program that will run on a PC and will analyse sounds emit-ted by the mammals to help to locate them.

The program is based on pattern recognition techniques developed at the European Particle Physics Laboratory. CERN, in Geneva. But unlike the CERN devices, which were expensive purpose-built chips, the new program will run on an ordinary Pentium PC. This means that seismic researchers will be able to take them to sea without worrying too much if they are damaged





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NISM that might explain why infection with a bacterium is linked to heart disease has been found by a team from Canada, Austria and America.

Chlamydia

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A protein on the surface of several types of Chlamydia is almost identical to a protein in myosin, the heart muscle. Dr Kurt Bachmaier, of Ontario Cancer Institute, and colleagues report in Science. By mimicking a host protein, bacteria can fool the immune system into believing that they are friend rather than foe, but sometimes the disguise fails. In this case the invader is attacked and the protein being mimicked can fall victim to friendly fire.

Three types of Chlamydia are implicated: those responsible for a form of pneumonia a sexually transmitted disease; and those found in bird droppings, which can also cause human infections.

Chlamydia infections are so common that almost everybody is likely to experience at least one during their lifetime. the team says, although symptoms may be barely noticeable. Whether such infections triggered heart disease in mice depended on genetic differences between the mouse

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both genes and environmen tal factors - such as the classical risk factors of obesity, high blood cholesterol, inactivity may predispose some people to heart disease triggered by and interest

# How safe is your holiday?

s I plunged into the sea off St Lucia, I realised that I was not the only devotee of sunset dips. In the distance I could see a silver perm, a pair of pearl earrings and matching necklace, all belonging to someone doggy-paddling. I splashed towards the bobbing figure. It was Lady Horlick. She was on her annual holiday to St Lucia with her husband, Sir John, a scion of the bedtime-drink dynasty. When I joined them later they noted that as package holidays became the standard method of travel, the tourists visiting St Lucia had little ideas of the islands potential dangers.

II was early t994 and I was a travel reporter investigating the increasing level of crime experienced by British holiday-makers in the Caribbean and other exotic destinations. During my research it be-came clear that the expansion in mass tourism to such places, and the rise in attacks on travellers, was not unconnected. Since my swim with Lady Horlick, the number of tourists who become victims of crime in far-flung spots has continued to

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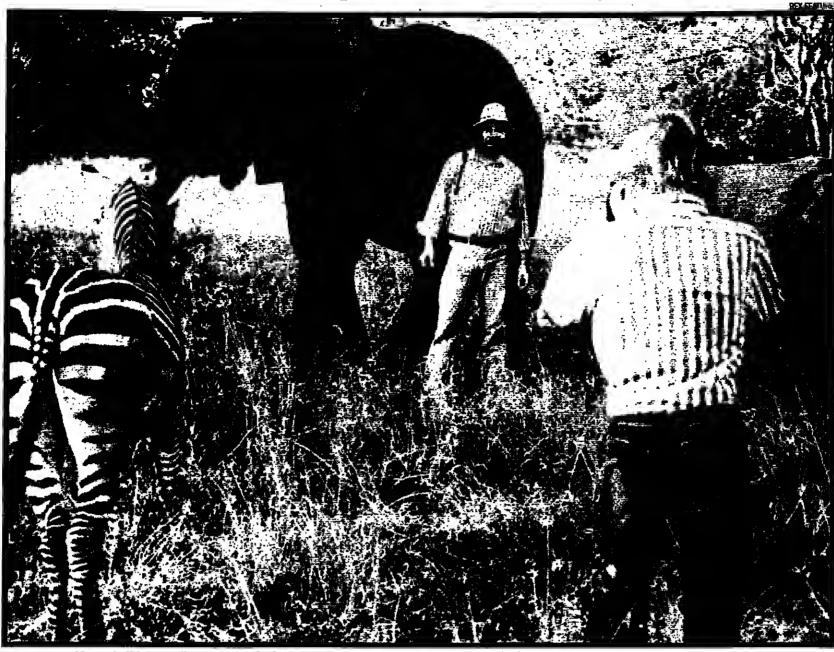
rise, culminating in yesterday's murder of four Britons in Uganda during a trip to watch gorillas in the Bwindi Nadonal

To some extent the emergence of this kind of mass tourism reflects changes at bome: rising incomes and aspirations have stimulated demand for more exotic holidays. But the main driving force behind the development of remote and undeveloped spots as package holiday destinations has been tour operators themselves. Just as the fashion business comes up with a new "black" every season to encourage shoppers to spend money, so the travel industry each year creates a buzz about a fresh destination. I would regu-larly attend brochure launches by tour operators in swanky venues in West London where journalists were told, as if being let into a trade secret, the latest "in" haunt.

To come up with new destinations, however, package holiday companies constantly ignore lessons one assumes that they would have learnt in previous years from sending clients to potentially dangerous

Michael Winner, who has been a regular visitor to Barbados for decades, has noticed the changes. "Travel used to be just for the rich. Now it's in everyone's range. People on holiday always assume that everything is going to be wonderful. Yet tourists attract villains."

The growing demand for adventure holidays has led tour operators to venture into potentially dangerous territory despite the risks to tourists, says Edward Welsh



Happy holidays: until tour companies become more honest about the potential risks of distant parts, tourists will continue to be killed

Traditionally, mass-market tourism, which first emerged in the Sixties, was centred on the Mediterranean, especially Spain. But in the mid-Eightles the likes of Thomson and Airtours became more ambitious and began operating flights outside Europe. Holiday prices, to countries that had once been the preserve of only. the rich or backpackers, were slashed, Kenya, Thailand and Australia came within the reach of the Benidorm brigade. The most popular new destinations were Florida. Egypt and the Caribbean. The first

was promoted as a family holiday destination, with a real magic castle, cheap hire cars and sandy beaches. The film *Death* on the Nile helped to sell Egypt, while the Caribbean was portrayed as a play-ground of the rich.

The reality was different. Many British holidaymakers flew into Miami, unaware that it was one of the most violent cities in America, Egypt was, and remains, no saf-er. With a vast, impoverished peasantry channelling its frustrations into religious fanaticism and outraged by Western tourists' dress code, the country failed to live up to its image as a luxurious, exotic setting for a movie based on an Agatha Christie novel. Many islands in the Caribbean suffer from the same problems.

But the new breed of long-distance traveller was naive. As the Horlickses had articulated only too plainly, experienced independent travellers and Britons who live in foreign countries where violence is endemic know that the best way to keep out of trouble is to avoid drawing attention to oneself. Where possible, they do as the locals do. When I first visited Manhattan the advice I received from New Yorkers was to act as if asleep while on the sub-way, a technique used by the locals to keep weirdos away. The newcomers were

not so savvy.
Imagine the mind of a crack addict standing at a road junction in a poor ghetto in Miami around 1990 as an Oldsmobile pulled up. The car was new and the family inside was white, their camcorder and bags on the back seat. First the robbers waited for the tourists to get lost.

Then they began hunting them down on the freeways and in their hotels. The package holiday industry bears a large share of the responsibility for Britons arriving in these countries, ignorant about what to expect and how to behave. Despite its eagerness to promote new destinations, it has been slow to warn of potential hazards, usually failing to provide even the most basic advice until after a Briton has been robbed, or worse.

By nature the holiday business is not inclined to draw attention to potential dangers because it fears creating a negative image in its brochures. The vast expansion of the package holiday industry up to the mid-Eighties was based on the image of carefree beach holidays in the sun. This approach was realistic at the time because the companies were selling packages to purpose-built resorts on the Costas. But although destinations have become more exotic, tour operators rarely

In the early Nineties tour operators did begin to address the dangers of holiday-

When tourists are killed, tour operators renew their charm offensive

ing in Florida, advising clients to keep a low profile and to adopt many of the survival techniques employed by independent travellers. The new policy was successful. Attacks on tourists dropped and have now almost disappeared. When a tourist is murdered abroad, tour operators al-ways renew their charm offensive to travel journalists. In 1993, after a string of murders in Egypt, Thomas Cook invited me to cruise the Nile: this would demonstrate that the destination remained safe.

Yet, tour operators never seem to learn and the consequences end up as frontpage news. Despite the disasters experienced by travel companies in the "new" destinations of the late Eighties and early Nineties, tour operators followed with Russia, more of sub-Saharan Africa and previously remote parts of South America. Holidaymakers are reassured that the companies they are travelling with know about potential dangers. But until tour operators are more honest about the risks, holidaymakers will continue to be killed.

Michael Palin, who has done more than most television personalities to infect Britons with the travel bug, urges holidaymakers to swot up more before heading abroad. "Tour operators should give the fullest information possible, however unpalatable. You should take as much from life as possible but ensure that you are well-read before you leave." he says.

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#### Which are the most dangerous destinations? Jon Ashworth reports

ot long ago a fort-night on a beach in Spain was the limit of most people's foreign travel. Today's intrepid travellers would scoff at the thought. Hardly a corner of the world remains untouched for those with the money and inclination for adventure — even if it

means risking your life. As foreign travel has boomed, so the information available to travellers has expanded well beyond the cursory brochure. Control Risks. a London-based consultancy. provides country-by-country analysis for businessmen and holidaymakers planning forays into regions where the risks include kidnapping and

Control Risks rates countries for political and security risk on a scale ranging from insignificant, with stable government and virtually no violent crime, to extreme, where law and order has broken down. It also provides a travel risk rating, updated weckly, and singles out problem regions and provinces.

terrorism.

A chillingly candid picture is provided in Outlook 99, the annual Control Risks global survey. Information is garnered from regional analysts and tailored for multinational corporations looking to do business in riskier countries.

Uganda is rated mediumrisk: "internal unrest or violence frequently perpetrated by terrorists or criminals. though there are no areas com-pletely outside the State's control." Allied Democratic Front rebels, it ootes, are expected to continue attacks in western Uganda, while the Lord's Resistance Army's brutal campaign against rural communities and government supporters continues in the north.

The Ugandan Government is expected to declare an offlimits zone in the Ruwenzori Mountains, where foreigners were abducted by the ADF io mid-1998. This will add to the country's troubles by limiting precious tourist revenue - a familiar refrain throughout Africa. Neighbouring Rwanda is expected to slide further into anarchy, with fighting and massacres in rural areas.

Latin America tops the world's kidnap league, with Colombia and Mexico the worst offenders. Kidnapping rates have increased in the past five years, partly because kidnappers know that there is

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little chance that they will be caught. In Colombia, reported kidnappings rose by 13 per ceot in 1997 to 1,822, including 33 foreigners, with total ran-som demands of \$74 million. A further 480 abductions were reported in the first half of 1998. Many kidnaps go unre-Colombia is the only coun-

try in Latin America where foreign executives are frequently targeted, with between 30 and 40 such abductions each year. In Mexico, criminal gangs mostly kidnap wealthy locals, although foreigners are occa-sionally targeted. Kidnap gangs frequently operate with the protection of both former and serving police officers. There were 700 reported kidnappings in Mexico in 1997. In Peru, where Inca rulns

and Andes trekking attract tourists, the Government was forced to pass emergency legislation in mid-1998 to combat a wave of kidnappings of wealthy Peruvians. Foreigners are oot targeted for kidnap for ransom, but in Lima they face the threat of short-term abductions known locally as secuestros al paso. Victims are typically held for several hours and forced to withdraw money from cash dispensers.

Egypt, scene of one of the most brutal attacks so far on tourists, the 1997 Luxor massacre in which 58 people were killed, is rated low-risk, rising to medium-risk in Cairo, Luxor and Aswan.

Control Risks says that publie revulsion at the Luxor massacre has undermined sympathy for tslamie militani groups, and it expects the secunty environment to improve.

oreign-based militants

in alliance with Osama bin Laden, the terrorist financier, have threatened to target American and Jewish interesis in Egypt. Embassies are considered most at risk. Iran. which is open to Western tourists travelling in groups is deemed low-risk in terms of security but high-risk politically, with fears that a power struggle between rival political factions will erupt into street cooflict before the

year is out. South Africa is rated a medium security risk, with high-risk pockets around townships outside Durban. Cape Town and Johannesburg. Control Risks says that steps to combat South Africa's high crime rate may be a case of "too little, too late". Further

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15 MOST DANGEROUS COUNTRIES

uncertainty will accompany the general elections, expected in May.

Great uncertainty bangs over Indooesia, which has borne the brunt of the Asian economie crisis. Inflatioo is running at 80 per cent and interest rates are a crippling 50 per cent. Most companies are bankrupt, and the oumber of people earning less than £1 a day more than doubled from around 18 million in 1996 to 40 million or more by the end of 1998. The result has been a rapid spread of lawlessness and violent crime. Foreigners have been robbed, attacked and threatened in increasing numbers as criminal gangs become bolder and more ruthless. Other destinations in the region deemed high-risk include Papua New

Guinea and Cambodia. Trouble spots in the former Soviet Union include Kazakhstan, where the security environment is expected to deteriorate as social and economic divisions grow. In-creasing violent crime in Almaty and other cities poses a growing threat to expatriate staff.

Yet there is no shortage of tour operators willing to take you off the beaten track. Yesterday, Exodus Travels in Balham, southwest London, was offering ten-day tours of Iran from £2,000 per person. Another potentially risky package involves travelling by truck through Mexico, Guatemala and Belize, staying in hotels but venturing into the jun-gle to inspect Mayan ruins. The 16-day tour costs from

Et.275 per person. Explore Worldwide, whose clients died in Yemen in December, is not currently running tours to that country. However, the Aldershotbased company bopes to resume visits to Yemen in October and is taking bookings for 15-day desert treks starting at El,190 per person.

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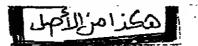


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# Ol' Dixie's **Sixties** struggles

The fight to overcome

racism still divides the States

love it when people com-plain that American culture is taking over. It hasn't even taken over the United States. tt certainly hasn't taken over the South.

In my last week in the United States, after three years of reporting on the country as The Timess US Editor. I took a long drive through the Deep South, from Jackson, Mississippi. to Atlan-ta, Georgia. The States of the Old Confederacy still feel like a different country from the rest of the United States. certainly culturally. But the paradox of my time in America is that the South has been central to national politics.

The town of Selma, Alabarna, gets straight to the point. Its favourite slogan is that its history runs "from the Civil War to Civil Rights". The red brick and ironwork of its centre has a certain elegance. unchanged from the 1870s. But the heart of the town is still deserted, strangled by a tight girdle of shopping malls. The town lives — to the extent it does - off its tourist trade. But the boast that is, presumably, intended to draw tourists to Selma is an odd one. Its role in both the Civil War and the Civil Rights struggle was hard-

ly a happy one.
The Battle of Selma, in 1865, was a tragic last act in the War between the States. The South, which had had the better of the earlier exchanges, facing eventual anni-

hilation at the hands of the numerically superior North. Three thousand barely trained Confederate troops were within hours by 9,000 Union soldiers. It was a final stand for the defenders of plantation culture and the system of slavery.

hundred Maddox years later. Selma became a byword

rights and equal treatment for African-Americans. A Civil Rights march to the state capital Montgomery was halted as it crossed the Selma bridge. Marchers were knocked down with horses and beaten with batons. The brutal affair became known as Bloody Sunday, the first Civil Rights disturbance to be so

named. The town doggedly cele-brates both conflicts. It is an example of the curious parallel tourist trails weaving across the Deep South: one for Civil Rights pilgrims, the other for those wistful about the lost romance of plantation days. This weekend the bridge - a grey, humpbacked arc over the black mud of the Alabama River - will be the site of an annual tribute to the Civil Rights movement, when many of the original marchers will

At the same time, many of the old plantation houses are preparing for crowds coming to see the spring magnolia blossoms. The family friends who show visitors around the pillared white mansions -Confederate flag hanging over the porch — will tell you that they are having hoop skirts made for the annual re-enactments of the Civil War.

The juxtaposition says everything about the remaining ambivalence of many white people in the region to the

American project of unifying the country. In both the Civi War and the Civil Rights movement, the federal Government insisted that if the United States was to be a single country, then there were certain principles which all must observe.

You will not, of course, hear many openly express racism. Those mourning the Confederacy deny hotly that they are implicitly condoning slavery. But the persistant segregation of the region is still striking, particularly in education, where all-white private schools sprang up in droves after the Civil Rights movement. The emphasic on the ment. The emphasis on the region's cultural separateness is constant, from the food, to the strong military tradition, to the emphasis on family.

That is not to say all the propaganda about a New South is false. The economic transformation of the past 30 years is real, at least for the Carolinas and Georgia. Atlan-ta is a miracle, its glass towers rising from the rich farms around it. But the poverty of the Mississippi Delta is still shocking, if alleviated these days by food stamps, better water supplies, and jobs from the new casinos. The rural slums of Alabama are, if anything, even more deprived. Families sit on a decaying porch behind punctured mosquito netting, looking blank when asked directions to the

The South's persistent separateness has been, and remains, the greatest single influence on national party politics. The Civil War turned the region Democrat in a block, in furi-

county seat ten

miles away.



for the struggle to win voting Democratic grip. sending naturally conservative politicians to the Republican fold. In the past year, their loathing for Bill Clinton's liberalism has fuelled the Lewinsky investigation, in the process threatening to split the Republican Party into neat northern and southern parts.

> n the 2000 elections, the southern Republicans' call for states to have more independence from Washington is likely to be one of the loudest themes. And one of the most controversial; the states' rights brigade would have a more popular case were the region's history not so biner, and the record of abuses of its independence not so long.

In many ways, the South is the least American part of America. The US's preoccuparion with its cohesion has been a constant cause of transatlantic misunderstanding. It is easy, from Europe, to mock political correctness and to ignore the sores it tries to heal. however ineptly. But the efforts the US has made to glue the South into the rest of the country are at the heart of its unique experiment in persuad-ing so many different people to live harmoniously together. If that failed, the enore project

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would have failed.



# Licence to analyse

The future of spying is in cool

assessment, not sexy intercepts

o George Smiley has a job after all. He may now be a pensioner with a hearing aid, but they bug his Zimmer frame and there is still something odd about the way he cleans his glasses. His Boswell, John le Carré, visits regularly at his Chelsea home, and they ramble on about "Testify" and some meeting with a Sanskrit professor in a cabbage field outside Minsk. That night we turned the world upside down," Smiley recalls mistily, for the umpteenth time. "You know, George," says le Carré, "the Circus still needs you. Iraq has been another sigint balls-up. The lords and masters are toadying to Washington as usual, over Kosovo, I think Lacon's got Alzheimer's." He drums his bus pass on his knee. "Plus ca change."

"Plus ca change . . ."
Speaking in Liverpool on Monday, David Cornwell (alias John le Carré) did his bit for the service where he once worked, and for his latest book. Sadly, Smiley is no more, but the ghost of this most endearing postwar anti-hero hovers over all the author's work, as if waiting to be called on at the last minute. Mr Cornwell reminisced about the stage on which most of his characters fretted their hour, the Cold War. And he vigorously affirmed that there is still work for spies to do. A man may commit many an error, but be does not poke his profession in the eye.

My brushes with the world of espionage have been few, but I can remember the lunch. It took place in the late-Eighties in the dining room of a dingy office block somewhere in Southwark. The then head of M16, the genial Sir Colin McColl, was concerned that a series of spy scandals was revealing too much about his service - rarely to its credit - and damaging staff morale. He was discussing with ministers whether to go public, or in the jargon, "to avow". The fiction of his non-existence was unsustainable. The CIA had gone for avowal, and won Brownie points with Congress and lots more money. But how much to avow? Names and addres-

ses? Budgets? Past operations? Good lord, I replied, surely nothing of the sort. The poliocians will rumble you. Open a window on this tidy little place and who knows what parliamentary committee will be round your neck, demanding persons and papers, budget cuts and reports on the Falklands and Iraq. You cannot be half secret. M16 was like the monarchy. Damage the under communism. mystique and you are done for. My hosts were most upset. Like

their comrades at Mf5, they were rather looking foward to going public. They could say who they were at parties. They could review spy books for The Speciator and perhaps go on Any Questions? They could cut a dash before a Commons select committee. I stuck to my guns. Read Machiavelli: the power of advice is in Inverse proportion to the mystery of its source. Stay secret or you will become just another police-

Within a couple of years, MI6 had "come out" as the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS), and moved into a sump tuous palace by the river at Vauxhall. The head of MIS appeared on Any Questions? SIS's budget has been cut, its numbers reduced and it now races round Whitehall like Del Boy, asking for any work going. It will uncover terrorists. bust drug-dealers,

unhack computers somehow lacks the imprimatur of the defence of Western civilisation. We shall never know whether the profession of spy shortened or prolonged the Cold War. The military-industrial complex grossly overestimated the Soviet military threat, and its secret arm must take some responsibility for that. Espionage was institutionalised alarmism. The Cold War, at least after 1985, was conducted by politicians largely for domestic consumption. I agree with Mr Cornwell's concern that we made the same mistake towards the ailing Soviet empire in the 1980s as was made towards Cermany after the Great War. A nation that should have been quietly helped back from the brink of chaos was crushed, impoverished, crippled and humiliated. Russia and its

satellites are now prey to every imaginable horror, probably offer-

ing a greater threat to the West than

My impression is that, during the Cold War, spying was a game acceptable to public opinion. But one that delivered far below expectation. Now that the war is over, spying against states with whom we are not at war is less acceptable, yet is more likely to be of value. I would happily pay to penetrate the cadres of Arab terrorism, to know who is selling arms to whom, which airline is risky, which economy is about to

tor is on the ropes and which will last for ever - if anyone can tell me. Whether the SIS is the best equipped to offer this service is moot. Others. such as news media, could also bid

for the contract. The catalogue of woes tately Intelligence lengthens by the month: the failure to predict the Kuwait invasion: the failed destabilisation of Iraq; the failed containment of Slobodan Milosevic. the lunacy of

or spike superguns, for a price. This calling a medicine factory in Sudan a threat to world security; the disastrous abuse of the UN weapons inspectorate. I assume that British Intelligence is responsible for ten years of spin that President Saddam Hussein is "on his last legs". Or if not, the spies have clearly lost their ability to persuade the Cabinet. Either way we are

getting poor value for money. The spy's oldest whinge, to which le Carré devoted his early talent, is that gathering intelligence is far easier than getting those in power to believe it. The greatest recent failing was the Argentinian invasion of the Falklands. But that was as much due to the fact that the Cabinet in 1982 did not want to know anything that might undermine its defence cuts. The same blind spot operated a year later when Washington re-fused, against all intelligence, to

believe that the Russians had shot

down a Korean airliner by accident. The White House had decided on a confrontation, and that was that. In 1990, nobody wanted to hear that Iraq might invade Kuwait, so nobody did.

Yet if spies cannot formulate their messages in a way that a govern-ment will listen, how will they validate their role? Espionage is the dark corner of the democratic garden, where sunlight never shines. In the past, government has felt free to pay for espionage and to disregard it. Now that the spies have gone public, they will be under increasing pressure to deliver on their ELSO million budget. They must account for their mistakes, or the part they have played in the mistakes of government.

The lesson of arms-for-Iraq and Sierra Leone is that all those involved in public security must now watch every step. They are all civil servants. In his book, The New Spies, James Adams depicts th future spy as applying for prior approval from an oversight committee, reporting every move to an in-house lawyer and keeping chits that he has broken no international protocol. After Scott, he must certainly do nothing that might upset a hypersensitive British judge. He is more vulnerable to a race discrimination charge than to a Walther bullet. In other words his secrecy and possibly his service will be compromised.

If the "secret" and the "service" in. SIS are at a discount, what is left? The answer is intelligence. In a world of small wars, do-good intervention and narcissist politicians, cool human assessment is more crucial than ever. Whence it comes may be moot from the sharp-eyed journalist, the shrewd academic, the entrepreneur, the hacker or the spy. But the wisdom in spy circles is that "sigint" is out and "humint" is back: the Joe on the ground not the boffin in earphones. The way to get through to dumb politicians is not with sexy intercepts, but with convincing analysis. Assessment is the future of the spy.

So yes, George, the Circus needs you. That Robin Cook is dropping clangers every minute and it's all hands on deck. Britain could soon be fighting three wars at once. All that stands between the nation and saster is intelligence.

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# Wrong Way

Royal Lytham and St Annes, as locals threaten to unveil the Les Dawson Way. Plans to honour the chumpy comedian — a yokel who met his mother-in-law in the sky in 1993 — with a new road link to the MSS have split the town.

Dawson's widow, Tracy, backs

the council's plan, as does local sort Bill Beaumont and the mayor, Anne Smith: "Les did a great deal for this town."

Less earthy sorts are quaking: "I just don't think his humour is very us," suggests one. A sample goes: My mother-in-law said she would dance on my grave, so I told her I'm being buried at sea." Lytton Good-win, Royal Lytham's club secretary, says: "I would much prefer the Seve Ballesteros Way."

OUR grandest threatrical dame our grundest threatrical dame grumbles that she is not offered sexy roles. Judi Dench, 65; says she is overlooked for parts enjoyed by a recent co-star, Gwyneth Paltrow (both below): "I would like to play someone glamorous. I don't know why I get dragon roles which the contribution of the state of the sext that the sext th which are excellent to play, but I'm nothing like that in life. It would be great to dress up in a nice dress with make-up and look





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FRANK DOBSON is chasing nurses in Moscow. With platoons of Filipina "angels" marching on to our wards (recruits at a Surrey hospital have been sent to learn English after puzzlement over terms such as "kicking the bucket"). Dobbo's yawning recruitment gap is to be plugged: my man with the MiG missile has been asked to find 2,000 fresh young Muscovites to slip into starched whites. They are being tempted by free flights, visas, beds. £12,000 per year and freedom from the medical demands of Boris relism. I'm just a little worried about the Russian bedside manner.

MAJOR RONALD FERGUSON is back in the saddle: the playboy poto player is to seft a virility drug. Fergie's father is to make a video promoting a ginseng cocktail to be shown in America. "Yanks are wild about him," I am assured. After his late-night visits to the Wigmore Club some years ago, I am sure they are not alone.

■ BERYL BAINBRIDGE wants regional accents "wiped out". The author's final solution stems from her view that accents sound stupid. The Islington-sounding Liverpudlian wants elocution lessons for all pupils, saying she succeeded only by sounding southern.

Coming in for a "lorra" criticism: Cilla Black, whose Liverpudlian accent sounds "fake".



A THEATRICAL knight on the town. Sir Ian McKellan relaxed after playing in The Tempest with karaoke in a Leeds pub: "There was no George Formby music, but it was jolly anyway," he tells me.

FUN in the sun, by Jack Straw. My memsahib tells me that when the Home Secretary popped over to India for new year, he holed up in his room at the Lake Palace Hotel (William Hague's honeymoon suite): "I felt sorry for him. His wife sat by the pool enjoying herself. He stayed in his room, emerging rarely and in formal dress for diriner."

A PHONEY war to be Liberal Democrat leader has begun three months before official battle is allowed to commence. Charles Kennedy, I hear, has made the bespectacled Paul Keetch, MP, his campaign organiser. Meanwhile, the dashing Don Foster, reckoned to be a rival by some, has hired a 24-year-old City high-flyer to co-ordinate his fight. Poor Paddy.

JASPER GERARD

#### 'When Ann Widdecombe met Uri Geller, each was totally gobsmacked by the other — you could have heard a pin bend'

ome of you may find it a mite spooky that, in all the many hundreds of tete-atetes which we have shared over the years, I have never once mentioned that I was a bit clairvoyant. You are the some. of course, who are yourselves a bit clairvovant, and who have murmured, at this moment or that, out of the blue, "something tells me he's a bit clairvoyant". The rest of you have never given it a second thought, because, lacking the gift, you never gave it the first one; so it is to you in particular that I address myself today, partly because you are the ones who need convincing, partly because the others already know

what I am going to say. I am going to say that, for several days now, you have been wondering about Ann Widdecombe. Uncanny, eh? It gets better: I can even tell you what you were wondering. You were

wondering whether, when last week she declared to the new Register of MPs' Interests that she had been given a bent BBC teaspoon. the Shadow Health Secretary was simply being scrupulously honest, or whether she was, less simply, deploying honesty unscrupulously in order to wind everybody up. Well. I am here to gainsay both options; and I am here to do it because I was there to do it, on the afternoon of December 10, 1998, in the hospitality suite of BBC Pebble Mill in Birmingham, whither the dramatis personae involved had convened to play Call My Bluff, and thus where Miss Widdecombe met, for the first time. Mr Uri

It was, in every sense, a magic moment. As their team captain, it had fallen to me to introduce my two illustrious guests to one another, and I have to say that nothing less than the aptly

metaphysical Donne will suffice to describe what hap-pened next: their eye-beames twisted, and did thredde their eyes, upon one double string. More astonishing yet, each was, quite literally, gobsmacked by the other: ecrily enwrapped, the two people in the country hitherto least likely to be lost for

words, found not a one. You could have heard a pin bend. And then, uncannity until you recall that he is as clairvoyant a cove as you can shake a Ouija board at - Mr Geller divined precisely what Miss Widdecombe was thinking, picked up a BBC teaspoon from the table beside them, held it aloft between thumb and forefinger, and made it droop.

Whereupon the Shadow Secre-

tary slowly raised her own thumb and forefinger — I cannot swear they were not trembling - gently took the buck-led cutlery, and placed handbag. After which

she no less gently took, by the elbow, Mr Geller himself, sat beside him on a sofa strategically placed to serve momentous historical happenings, and listened while he talked. And how he talked! And how she listened! They might have been Othello and Desdemona, he rabbiting on about anthropophagi and men whose heads do grow beneath their shoulders, she letting herself be bowled over by his wondrous stories into helpless captivation. I did not, of course,

eavesdrop on all that was said,

but from the disparate fragments

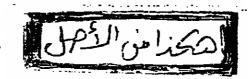
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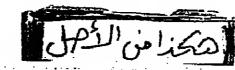
gleaned as I refilled a cup or offered egg-and-cress, I could sense that a self-portrait was emerging, despite his fabled modesty, of a man of both great spiritual depth and great material achievement, a man able toread and memorise ten books in a morning before transporting himself across the planet in nano-seconds to heal the inexplicably sick, pluck a global corporation from the red, dowse unerringly for oil and bauxite, adjust an errant satellite, and all this without first dashing into a phonebox to move his Y-fronts to

kay, you say, you claim to be a bit of a clairvoyant, so what was the wide-eyed Miss Widdecombe thinking while Uri was telling her all this? Okay, I reply, she was thinking: here is an internationally recognised byword with

a full head of lustrous hair and not a trace of either paunch or dubious Yorkshire accent, who has risen to transglobal heights of wealth and popularity by persuading countless millions that he can perform miracles; here is a glamour-puss who could not only cut NHS waiting lists at a stroke by the laying-on of hands in a thousand places at once and raise education standards to the top of the international league by telepathising the speed-read Britannica into every infant brain, but also repair every voter's clock, tumble-drier and toaster just by grinning at them from the TV screen and snapping his fingers.

Voters? Oh yes. That is what she was thinking. She was thinking: here, at last, is a true leader. That is why she has declared her interest. We shall hear more of this anon. Mark my words. Watch this spoon.







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### THE FIRST TEST

Excess pensions baggage and the 'European social model'

FIVE TESTS

Tony Blair delivered a stirring sermon in Milan yesterday to his Socialist eurozone partners, pleading with them to graft the dynamism of America's enterprise culture onto the "European social model". This is an ambitious transplant operation he has in mind. For French Socialists, it is an article of faith that Anglo-Saxon capitalisme sauvage is a menace to the humane politics of "social cohesion". So it is for Oskar Lafontaine, Germany's Finance Minister. And this week's abrupt adjournment of the EU negotiations on agricultural reform underlines how little happens without the backing of these two countries.

The Prime Minister's words were intended, however, for an audience beyond the EU socialist leaders gathered to launch a joint platform for elections to the European Parliament. Whatever hopes Mr Blair may entertain of persuading the European Left to embrace politically difficult and ideologically suspect reforms, it FOR EUROPE

is even more important to him

to convince British voters that enough change is on the way to guarantee the euro's success. For without proof that the eurozone is overhauling bankrupt pensions systems, cutting taxes and public spending and removing the welfare disincentives to work, he dare not contemplate a British referendum on joining EMU.

But Mr Blair has a problem. The more he insists on "the fundamental weaknesses of the European economy", the more he calls not only for new policies but for a revolution in the eurozone's political culture, the deeper the gulf between Continental and British, let alone American, thinking and practice is seen to be. Three key indicators provide a crude measurement of the welfare state's grip on eurozone prospects: public spending as a proportion of GDP, overall tax levels and the weight of social security contributions. Eurozone public spending last year averaged 49.1 per cent, a fifth higher than British levels and nearly a third above that of America. It is no coincidence that, in high-spending Germany and France, civil service administration, excluding education, health and social work, accounts for 9 per cent of those currently employed - half as many again as in Britain - or that in most of the eurozone, the number of people

working fulltime in the private sector is lower than it was 20 years ago.

The difference in tax burdens between the eurozone's 43.4 per cent and Britain's 38.6 per cent may appear less dramatic, and both are a world away from America's 31.5 per cent. But it can take years to shrink public spending enough to bring taxes down by only 2 or 3 per cent; and on most projections, the tax gap between Britain and the eurozone is set to rise, not fall.

To see why, look at the relative burden of social security contributions - 9.4 per cent of GDP in the US, only 7.7 per cent in Britain, but 17 per cent in euroland and nearly 20 per cent in Germany and France. The main cause of this disparity is the, for

once aptly named, "pensions timebomb". A properly funded system requires reserves of at least 30 months wages for each person covered - more where. as in Italy, France and Germany, workers can retire earlier on full pensions than they do in Britain. In Italy and France, current reserves are just over a month.

Britain's future costs are under control; but in every eurozone country except Ireland, they are set on a steeply rising curve. By 2040, when there will be twice as many pensioners relative to the workingage population, they will absorb 14.3 per cent of GDP in France, 18.4 per cent in Germany and 21.4 per cent in Italy. These books will not balance without a mix of cuts in pensions, higher contributions and general taxes, steep compensating cuts in public spending, large transfers from the relatively solvent eurozone countries or the nuclear option - inflation. All will be unpopular. Reform has barely begun.

For the eurozone, the implications are financial instability, groaning budgets and still higher taxes. In some areas there is patchy change. In Germany, the Economics Ministry is frustrated by what officials call "the ayatollah tendency" around Herr Lafontaine. Some French bureaucrats now think of liberalisation, but their ministers will not talk about it: the Italians and Dutch do a bit of both. But pensions reform and tax reductions are indispensable to the eurozone's viability, tests that must be met before Britain could think of joining. Yet on pensions, Mr Blair had not a single word to say in Milan. This is simply not serious.

#### **DEATH IN UGANDA**

A successful African state with very dangerous borders

The ugly deaths of eight Western tourists. West Nile Bank Front, the Allied Democratvesterday are a salutary reminder of the dangers of what is now modern travel: The responsibility lies not with the company concerned, the Foreign Office, or the Ugandan authorities, but squarely with the Interahamwe militias, now resident in the Congo, who were the cause of more than one million deaths in Rwanda almost five years ago. This incident, coming soon after the loss of three British lives in Yemen, may lead some to conclude that they should not stray so far from bome. That would be unfortunate. Aspiring tourists should still be ambitious, but also selective.

It is particularly sad that Uganda should witness such an atrocity. That country has been one of Africa's few success stories in recent times. It has witnessed an economic transformation since a wave of reform was imitiated by Yoweri Museveni 12 years ago. In 1987, economic growth was barely I per cent and inflation was at 256 per cent. A decade later both numbers stood at approximately 7 per cent. President Museveni has also sought to build substantial regional co-operation through such innovations as the Common Market for East and South Africa and the East African Co-operation and Development strategy. Kampala has become one of Africa's safer capitals.

These economic advances have been held back by politics. This part of East Africa is marked by colonial boundaries that cut across traditional tribal lines, thus providing natural constituencies for various defeated and insurgent troops from several nations. The current Ugandan Government is opposed by, among others, the democratic), and the remnants of other rebel organisations, such as the Lord's Resistance Army, and even a few remaining admirers of Idi Amin. These factions are usually based across the border in the Congo and are often supported by Sudan.

In the latest twist these armies have found themselves in alliance with Hutu exiles from Rwanda and the administration of Laurent Kabila in the Congo. This is especially paradoxical as President Kabila could never have achieved power in the first place without the backing of Rwanda and Uganda. Mr Kabila has proved utterly incapable of either building a broad consensus for his own rule in Kinshasa or preventing others from using his country as a base for armed operations. Until this situation is resolved, the borders in this part of Africa will remain perilous places.

That is especially true for tourists, and for British visitors in particular. London and Washington are perceived as sympathetic to the Tutsi governments of Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda, while the Hutus have traditionally fallen within the French sphere of influence. If there is a wider lesson to be drawn, bowever, it is in the long shadow still cast by the Interahamwe over the area. In 1994 the West refused to act against, at first even to acknowledge, the extraordinary genocide in Rwanda the worst action of its kind since the Second World War. Those who died in the Bwindi Park have been, in a sense, the victims of the past indifference of outsiders. It will not help Uganda however, if tourists decide to boycott the country completely.

#### ROYAL BEEFEATER

A Prince strikes a blow for common sense

The Prince of Wales picked over a bone of contention this week when he sampled a banned cut of beef in a Newport hotel. But he appeared unconcerned by any controversy he aroused. "I am only sorry that so many of you have had to wait, building up an enormous appetite whilst having to look at this huge hunk of roast beef," he said to the farmers and civic dignitaries assembled round the offending rib. "Shortly you will be able to taste it like I did," he continued. "It's absolutely delicious".

The Prince's gesture spoke louder than political debate. The time has come for the Government's ludicrous ban on beef on the hone to be given the chop. The public may have found it understandable more than a year ago when Jack Cunningham, then Minister for Agriculture, first imposed it. Emerging bloodied from a bout with BSE. he could not afford to underestimate any risk to public health and needed to court European Union opinion. A new Labour administration sought to dissociate itself from the ditherings of its Tory predecessor by maintaining the ban as proof of its commitment to consumer interests.

In the wake of initial worries, closer scientific investigation has proved that the chances of contracting BSE from beef on the bone are rather less than negligible. The likelihood of being struck by lightning is about 60 times greater. So why should farmers, butchers and gourmands alike, their lives already put out of joint by the BSE crisis, be further burnt by this ban? The Government should have made a clean cut with its excessively cautious

policy several months ago. The Prince of Wales carved a clear path when he accepted and enjoyed a choice morsel of banned meat this week. Unlike John Gummer, criticised for feeding his daughter a burger, the Prince is a cut above the political fray. His decision to partake was purely personal. But if beef on the bone makes a feast fit for a Prince, then surely common sense might safely follow his example. The beef on the bone ban should now be ended. Arise Sirioin.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Far from being a "busted flush" (report, March 1) UKIP has been rejuvenated under its new democratically

elected leader, and has in place a full

slate of candidates for the June Euro-

pean elections, all unequivocally op-

posed to EMU and in favour of com-

plete withdrawal from the European soviet state being planned by the

corrupt, incompetent and undemo-

Sir. Tony Blair favours the euro on

grounds of efficiency without concern

for the wider issue of sovereignty, advocates genetically modified crops

as being safe to eat without mendon-

ing the environment, and enfeebles

the House of Lords without establish-

cratic Brussels regime.

Sunny Bank, Church Lane,

West Meon, Petersfield,

Hampshire GU32 tLD.

From Mr Brian A. Smith

ing an effective alternative.

Is there a pattern?

Yours sincerely,

Stapleford,

February 24.

centralisation.

Yours sincerely.

125 Clarence Gate Gardens,

From Mr Andrew Wilson

Glentworth Street, NWI 6AL.

F. W. HEDIN.

March I.

BRIAN A. SMITH,

14 St Andrew's Close,

Cambridge CB2 5DX.

From Mr F. W. Hedin

brian\_a.smith@dial.pipex.com

Sir. Members of The Pro Euro Con-

servative Party state (letter, February

26) that "... it is in Britain's interest

that monetary union should not lead

to political centralisation . . . Surely,

these two terms are synonymous.

EMU will inevitably lead to policial

Sir, When the directors of Britain plc

(an international trading company

battling - with some success - to

reduce its cost base in increasingly

competitive global markets) recom-

mend a merger with 14 other com-panies with similar or worse perform-

ance and prospects, and some very

dodgy balance sheets, this share-holder would advise extreme caution

and a full strategic review.

70 Avenue de President Wilson.

Yours sincerely, IDRIS R. FRANCIS.

#### A role for Britain in Europe without joining EMU?

From Sir John Hoskyns

Sir, Of course we must stay out of EMU. But if we succeed in that, we simply arrive at the next question. Is it really possible for Britain, one of the four big economies of Europe, and the fifth largest in the world, to remain forever as a member of the EU while being outside its most important project — political union?

Does anyone, outside the Government and Clarke, Heseltine, etc. think, or pretend to think, that we can join EMU and not in the end sign up to Europe's statist fiscal-legal-welfareemployment menu in its entirety?

It may be that the Government has concluded, behind closed doors, that such a posicion, as euroland's permanently grumbling appendix, is unsustainable for more than a few years, while withdrawal from the EU is now not merely hazardous and difficult, but legally and technically impossible, however much the electorate might one day want it. This would explain the relentless propaganda campaign to persuade the public (consistently misled by poliocians for the last 30 years) that joining EMU is what they want, rather than what

they're going to have to accept.

Debate about EMU will be difficult if mention of withdrawal from the EU is not permitted.

.1 have more confidence in Britain's imperfect arrangements than I do in euroland's out-of-touch poliocians, undemocratic institutions, dubious electoral systems and legal processes financial corruption, creative accounting, secrecy, administrative incompetence, mercantilist instincts, foreign-policy confusion, institutionalised animosity towards the United States and Charlemagne-flavoured delusions of empire.

Ever since the arrival of Jacques Delors in Brussels in 1985, the accelerating drive to political integration seems to have been the cause of this growing European sickness. not its cure.

Is this great project really Britain's cup of tea? If we can't change it for the better, will it change us for the worse? Is it perhaps already doing so? Sooner or later we will have to talk about these things. It is called "thinking the unthinkable" and has been rather successful for both Labour and Conservative parties over the past 20

I am glad that Mary Ann Sieghart (article, "Young, free and anti-single currency". February 26) is scepocal about EMU. I, too, am "fed up with EMU opponents being caricatured as swivel-eyed xenophobes". Opponents of ERM in 1989, and proponents of trade union reform in 1979, or pri-vatisación in 1983, felt the same. At present, those who dare to think

From the Chief Executive of ITV .

Sir, With a grand sweep of his pen.

Audience research may be the

dunce's answer to the impressions of

the good and the great but it indicates

that despite the immense competition

(and I agree - the immense pressure to aim low). ITV is succeeding in

presenting an array of programmes

that is finding favour with the whole

On Wednesday the Lords will

debate the future of public service

broadcasting. I hope their Lordships will acknowledge that whilst ITV does

not try to flatter an intellectual elite its

public service is expressed through a

mighty breadth of diversity. an

incomparable regional service and

massive investment in original British

200 Gray's Inn Road, WCIX 8HF.

From Mr Peter T. Hughes, QC

Sir, May I suggest to all those who

share my sense of bereavement at the

loss of News at Ten with Mr Trevor

McDonald (report, March 2) that they

record the replacement ITN news bul-

letin at 6.30pm and play it at 10pm.

production.

March 2

Yours faithfully.

RICHARD EYRE,

Chief Executive, ITV.

**News at 6.30** 

Yours faithfully. PETER T. HUGHES,

3 Paper Buildings.

Yours faithfully.

February 27.

PATRICK DEVINE.

Falcon, La Couture.

March 2

Temple, EC4Y 7EU.

Dressing the part

Sir, Jane Shilling's dilemma ('I

haven't a clue what to wear now I

work at home", February 26) is easily

solved for us few men fortunate

enough to partake in the school run. A

tie indicates one is going on to one's

workplace while an open collar

indicates other activities for the day

St Peter Port, Guernsey GYI 2DZ.

From Mr Patrick Devine

nation, the highly educated included.

ITV's success

beyond the EMU issue receive similar

Yours faithfully, JOHN HOSKYNS, Windrush, Great Waldingfield, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 ORZ.

From Lord Tebbit

Sir, Mary Ann Sieghart is absolutely right. Those who wish to see the European Union collapse should support economic and monetary union. The stresses it will impose are more likely to destroy the European Union amidst a welter of recrimination and extreme nadonalism than to unite the member states in a stable and prosperous state.

This general argument has also been made by myself and others such as Lord Lawson. Like John Major, 1 would oppose Bridsh subordination within a European state and since that is the inevitable consequence of entry into EMU, like Mary Ann Sieghart, I oppose Briosh entry.

What should worry Mary Ann Sieghart, as it worries me, is just how the European Union could adjust to allow Britain to be a co-signatory of the Treaty of Rome with a federal re-public consisting of a dozen or more other European states.

Yours faithfully, TEBBIT. House of Lords. March I.

From Mr Shahid A. Juned

Sir. Peter Riddell is to be congratulated on his objective analysis of EMU (March 1). The pick-and-choose scenario pursued by Lord Owen and his allies is not compatible with being at the heart of Europe. It will put Britain in a "half-in, half-out" situation with no influence in formulating key economic policies.

Yours faithfully, SHAHID A. JUNED, 15 Fenwick Close, Alcester, Warwickshire B49 6JZ,

From Mr Idris R. Froncis

Sir, President Thomas Jefferson said, almost 200 years ago (long enough, one would have thought, for word to have reached Westminster), that any nation which gives up its freedom in pursuit of economic advantage deserves to lose both. This is why the UK Independence Party fights not just against the undoubted economic dyslexia of EMU, but for our freedom and sovereignty under laws and policies debated in English at West-

#### Beer trade under threat

From the Chairman of the Brewers and Licensed Retailers Association

William Rees-Mogg ('We haven't a prayer', March 1) dismisses the Sir. As the Chancellor of the Excheefforts of the Church, the Labour quer ponders the finer points of the Party and ITV to be relevant in fin de forthcoming Budget (report, March 1). si*ècl*e Britain. let him consider that leaving the level I'm saddened that Lord Rees-Mogg of excise duty on beer where it is, let can find nothing in the ITV schedule alone introducing another increase, will be bad news for the Briosh beer that pleases him. I suspect he's not trying all that hard. drinker, the British pub, and all who

> support them. It will be good news in the French Treasury, among French businesses and, in this country, to well organised

gangs of criminals. Beer duty in the UK is 33p a pint compared to 5p in France. Over 1.5 million pints a day are brought into the UK and Customs and Excise estimate that three quarters of this is illegally resold without paying Briosh duty. On the eve of the 21st century we have successfully revived the 18thcentury crime of smuggling on a large scale. This is causing pubs to close

#### and is costing jobs elsewhere.

March 2

Yours sincerely.

ANDREW WILSON

92058 La Defense, Paris.

In 1998, an additional £35 million had to be allocated to Customs and Excise to help enforce the law. Ironically, in the same year, the French Chancellor received around £34 million in taxes from the cross-Channel beer trade.

The only solution is a reduction in beer duty in the UK. Since 1992, every other country in the EU has moved towards a "target rate" to reduce the differentials which make smuggling profitable. Only the UK insists on moving away from that target.

Yours. MICHAEL FOSTER. Chairman, Brewers and Licensed Victualiers Association, MIKE BENNER, Head of Campaigns. Campaign for Real Ale. BILL SHARP. Chairman, Parliamentary Committee of Licensed Victuallers Associations. Brewers and Licensed Retailers Association. 42 Portman Square, W1H 0BB.

#### Dangers to drivers

From Mr J. Malcolm Gordon Sir, You report (February 27) that the

new Highway Code warns of the dan-gers of using mobile phones and high-tech equipment while driving, but stops short of a total ban which safety campaigners such as the Royal Society for the Prevendon of Accidents (RoSPA) had pressed for.

Since it is suggested by RoSPA that danger exists up to ten minutes after a call whilst people are mulling over their conversation, has any similar research been done on the effect on drivers' concentration of listening to radio plays, quiz shows or, especially, pop music at mind-numbing (and ear-damaging) sound levels?

Yours faithfully. J. MALCOLM GORDON. 4 Warners Avenue. Hoddesdon. Hertfordshire ENII 8LR February 27.

#### Royal beef

Sir, What haxury to live with no greater worry than whether the Prince of Wales may have been irresponsible in thanking his hosts for a meal (report.

Yours faithfully, GUY HARDING, The Dovecote, Church Street, Olney, Buckinghamshire MK46 4AD. March 2

#### March l.

Dr Jenner's cow From Mr Robin Otter

Sir, You reproduce today the Royal Mail's millennium stamp featuring Peter Brookes's delightful representa-don of a cow to celebrate Dr Edward Jenner's discovery of the smallpox It may be of interest that the parti-

cular cow Dr Jenner used was a Gloucester, now alas a rare breed but a most beautifully marked red-brown cow, with a distinctive white stripe on the back (finchback), white tail and belly. The actual hide is displayed in the Gloucester Folk Museum and Gloucester cattle can be seen at many venues, particularly the annual Three Coundes Show at Malvern in June.

Yours faithfully, ROBIN OTTER (Chairman. Gloucester Canle Society, 1973-75). The Grange, Kemerion. Tewkesbury GL20 7JE. March l.

From Mr A. Guy Harding

From Mr Beverley Morgan

Sir, I suggest that the cut of Welsh beef enjoyed by the Prince of Wales on St David's Day be named Charleslebone forthwith.

Yours faithfully. BEVERLEY MORGAN, 9 Winterstoke Gardens, Mill Hill, NW7 2RA. March 2

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#### BMJ's celebration of sex and health

From the Editor of the British Medical Journal

Sir. I share some of the "despair" of Dr Christopher Wiltshire (letter, February 27) that the British Medical Journal, "that august organ of the medical establishment", could not publish sexually explicit pictures without giving a warning on the cover. But I think that we did the right

There is no problem with publishing horible pictures of genitalia covered in warts and syphilitic chancres. The problem comes with erooc pictures that celebrate sexuality. Many doctors see these as "gratuitous" and seven have written to me to complain. One asked to have his journal stopped

while the series continued. We published the erooc pictures for two main reasons. Firstly, we did so because our series was on sexual health not disease. We wanted to encourage doctors to think positively about sexuality, recognise the fundamental importance of sexuality in health, and feel as comfortable talking to their pacents about orgasms as

about bleeding piles. Secondly, we wanted to demonstrate to doctors the enormously wide range of normal sexuality. Doctors have too often in the past made the mistake of providing treatment for what is perfectly normal sexual

behaviour. Instead of despairing at the warnings on the cover Dr Wilishire should rejoice in the fact that we published the pictures at all. We certainly would not have done so ten years ago.

(Your readers might like to know that on our website the sex articles receive around 25,000 hits a week, whereas some others receive only 300. Warnings are good for business.)

Yours in celebration of sexuality. RICHARD SMITH, Editor, BMJ, BMA House. Tavistock Square, WCIH 9JR. March 1.

#### Origins of the kilt

From Mr Aitken Fyall

Sir. I am sorry to distillusion my fellow Scots regarding our nationalistic claims to the kilt (reports and leading article, February 27).

Hugh Trevor-Roper, writing in The Invention of Tradition (Cambridge University Press, paperback edition. 1997), attributes its creation to an English Quaker from Furness, Lancashire, circa 1730.

Thomas Rawlinson, an iron-master, became aware of the restrictions on work-rate of the cumbersome, allenveloping breacan or belted plaid, worn by the Highlanders at his iron-ore furnace at Glengarry. He commissioned a regimental tailor in Inverness to design a more practical garment. The result was the felie beg.

ohilibeg or "small kilt". As ceremonial dress, the kilt was popularised by Sir Walter Scon while masterminding the state visit to Edinburgh of George IV in 1827, and later by Prince Albert. To quote Trevor-Roper, "the fashion spread", to be taken up by "Anglicised Scottish peers, improving gentry, well-edu-cated Edinburgh lawyers, and prudent merchants of Aberdeen".

May we now expect the beginning of the new millennium to be brightened by a vivid splash of kilted colour. worn not only by the Scottish parliament but by their counterparts in Cardiff and Westminster?

Yours sincerely. AITKEN FYALL 22 Bron y Glyn. Bronwydd. Carmarthen SA33 6JB. june@fyall22.freeserve.co.uk

#### Right to roam

From Mr Peter B. Brown

Sir, Kate Ashbrook, chairman of the Ramblers' Association Access Comminee (letter. February 27), maintains that 85 per cent of the population (which must be approximately 40 million people) want freedom to roam. Funny that: every day my wife and I

go for walks in the countryside. always using public rights of way. which are often across open land and through fields, yet very rarely do we meet any other walkers. Where are Yours faithfully.

PETER B. BROWN. 27 Isles Court, Ramsbury. Marlborough, Wiltshire SN8 2QW. February 27.

#### The demise of denim

From Mrs Joan Bosonnet

Sir. I note that there is a drop in the demand for and manufacture of jeans (report, February 24).

It seems to be an era which I have lived through without becoming part of. I am 64 and have never had a pair of jeans.

I have never disapproved of them.

and my son and daughters wear them all the time. I just felt they were rather cardboardy things. Yours faithfully,

JOAN BOSONNET. The Old House Conage, Pyrford Road. Pyrford GU22 SUE. February 25.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 2: The Queen held an Investiture this morning at Buckingham Palace. Lady Dugdale has succeeded

Lady Elion as Lady in Waiting to March 2: The Duke of Edinburgh today visited the British Equestri-

an Trade Fair Association Interna-tional Fair at the National Exhibi-His Royal Highness was met by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands (Mr Robert

The Duke of Edinburgh, First Honorary Liveryman, this evening mended the Worshipful Company of Engineers' Election Court Meet ing and Dinner at The City of London Club, 19 Old Broad Street, London EC2.

CLARENCE HOUSE March 2: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. Patron. Briosh Equine Veterinary Association, this evening received the Trustees and recipients of The Queen Mother Student Travel Award. BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 2: The Duke of York this morning arrived in Ho Chi Minh

City and was received by Her Majesty's Ambassador to Vietnam (Mr David Fall). Afterwards, His Royal High-ness called on the Chairman of Ho Chi Minh People's Comminee, Mr Vo Viet Thanh

This afternoon, The Duke of York attended a lunch aboard HMS Boxer. This afternoon, His Royal High-

ness attended a reception aboard HMS Boxer. Later, The Duke of York attend-ed a dinner and the UK-Vietnam

Fashion Show at the Sofitel Hotel. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** March 2: The Princess Royal, President, The Rural Housing Trust, this morning attended the "Growing Older in the Countryside" conference at the Heritage Motor Centre. Banbury Road. Gaydon, Warwickshire, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire (Mr

Martin Dunne).
Her Royal Highness this afternoon officially opened Arburg Limited's new United Kingdom Headquarters at Tachbrook Park Drive, Warwick,

The Princess Royal, President, the British Horse Society, after-wards opened the BHS Rescue Centre. Stonecroft Equestrian Cen-tre Limited, Stonecroft Farm, Kineton Road, Oxhill, Warwickshire. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

March 2: Princess Alexandra this evening attended a Gala Dinner at St. James's Palace, London, to mark the 30th Anniversary of Her Royal Highness's Patronage of the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art.

#### Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will visit Oracle Corporation UK's head-quarters at Oracle Parkway. Thames Valley Park, Reading, at 10.30: as president, the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will visit Reading and Central Berkshire Carers Centre "Support for Rural Carers" event at Theale Medical Centre, Englefield Road and the Kirby Room, St Luke's Church, Englefield Road, Theale, Berkshire at noon; will open Bradbury

End, Brock Gardens, Reading, at 2.30; and as president. Save the reception for Wessex Walks volunteers at Buckingham Palace at

House, Berkshire Multiple Science

sis Therapy Centre, 23a August

**Dinners** Institute of Wastes Management Mr Brian Briscoe, Chief Executive tion, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the speacer at the annual dinner of the Institute of Wastes Management held last night at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, London, Mr Colin Carr.

president, was in the chair. Among those present were: The Earl of Arran, the Earl of Cranbrook.

#### South Glamorgan

Lieutenancy

March, Lady Pill, Major B. Schwartz, Councillor F.J. Smith, Mr B.T. Williams,

Viscount Mills, Lord Bach, Lord Barnett, Baroness Byford, Baroness David, Lord Gregson, Lord McNair and Baroness Nicel.

Sir Christopher Staughton was the guest speaker at the annual law faculty dinner of the London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates held last night at Mecklenburgh Square. Lady French, governor of the trust, and Major-General Timothy Toyne Sewell, director, received the guests.

The following have been appointed Deputy Lieutenants for South Councillor M. Drake, Mrs H.

Lecture

Johnson Society Mr Patrick Hanks, Chief Editor of Current English Dictionaries, Oxford University Press, was the speaker at a lecture of the Johnson Society held last night in the Guildhall, Lichfield, 10 mark the anniversary of the departure from Lichfield of Samuel Johnson and David Garrick, Mr W.R. Dunsmore, chairman of the society.

esk, 38; Lord Templeman, 79; Miss Fatima Whitbread, athlete, 38. London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates Somerset

Lieutenancy Admiral of the Fleet Sir Benjamin Bathurst has been appointed Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset.

Legal retirement Judge Watts has retired from the South Eastern Circuit Bench.

Birthdays today

Mr Darren Anderton, footballer,

65: Mr Charlie Brooks, raceborse

Peter Calver, racehorse trainer, 65; Lord John FitzGerald, former

racehorse trainer, 47; Sir George

Gardiner, former MP, 64; Mr David Glencross, former chief

executive, ITC, 63; Dr Rod Hack-ney, former president, RIBA, 57; Mr Martin Lovett, former mem-

ber, Amadeus Quartet, 72; Ms

Merlyn Lowther, personnel direc-tor, Bank of England, 45; Mr Maurice Lynn, former Headmas-

ter, The Oratory School, 48; Profes-

sor Angus McGrouther, plastic

and reconstructive surgeon, 53; Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, former Lord Provost and Lord-Lieutenant

of Edinburgh, 61; Air Vice-Mar-shal Charles Maughan, 76; Mr James F. X. Miller, Headmaster,

Royal Grammar School, Newcas-tle upon Tyne, 49; Mr Stephen Morrison, chief executive officer. Granada Media Group, 52; Sir Peter O'Sullevan, former racing

commentator, 81; Sir Mark Pres

cott, raceborse trainer, 51; Miss Miranda Richardson, actress, 41;

Mr Ronald Searle, artist and cartoonist, 79; the Earl of South-

### **Premium Bonds**

Lenny Henry, with his wife Dawn French, and Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor of The Times, with his wife Jo, with the insignias of the MBE which they both received from the Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday

The following Premium Bond prize winners were announced yestrainer, 36: the Rev Raymond Brown, former Principal, Spur-geon's College, London, 71, Mr

terday: £100,000: 22ZF 463624, winner has a holding of £3,500 and comes from Wandsworth; 86CF 283710, E19,991, Isle of Anglesey; 3SZT 299288, E1,603, Oxfordshire; 96LW 463493, E19,999, Barnet; 38FN 238592, E20,000, Isle of Wight; 45TT 529108, E18,180, Highland; 90LL 669225, E20,000, Derbyshire, ESO,000: 16NW 727903, E12,500, Bedfordshire; 38PF 987820, £2,733, Bristol; 24EF 837954, E1,258, Worcestershire; 90VN 326469, E15,000, Highland; 17XK 946099, 120,000, Highland; 17XK 946099, 120,000, 120 £20,000, Cornwall; 55AS 425698, £4,400, Gwynedd; 52LS 540586, £20,000, West Midlands; 89FS 221422, £20,000, Shropshire; 1JS 273074, £19,010, West Yorkshire; 93ZW 619625, £20,000, Glasgow; 88ZW 891314, £15,000, Tyne and Wear; 49RN 710392, £6,616, East Sussex: 19VS 573605, £10,000, Hert-fordshire: 73SF 240010, £10,002,

£25,000: 63CN 692359, £3,525, Cambridgeshire; 52BW 924110, E20,000, Devon; 462S 370446, £20,000, North Yorkshire; 44TP 209225, £20,000, Dorset; 71QZ 709249, £11,250, Devon; 27YP 267802, £12,300, Torfaen; 67LN 435262, £18,024, Essex; 82RN 710310, £20,000, Essex; 54ZB 286457 £10.056 Lincolnshire: 51KZ 225571, £2,598, Kent: 84EW 369161, £14,195, Nottinghamshire; 19HL 037473, £19,994, Derbyshire; 74RT 988039, £12,205, Cornwall; 44KZ 886748, £20,000, Hillingdon; 30AT 090146, £10,000, Edinburgh; 79BF 725705, £20,000, West Midlands; 58BK 410255, £18,852, Meriants; S8BK 41025, E18,822, Mir-seyside; 46PF 904749, E16,970, Glamorgan; 8SQZ 305625, E10,112, Lincolnshire; 66BL 237178, E20,000, Swansea; 62QW 259311, E20,000, Keni; 8SVB 370923, E20,000, Ealing; 112S 067026, E1,900, East Lothian; 92TK 626776, £10,041, Norfolk; 57FF 042311, £20,000, Lincolnshire; 51KF 782277, £3,001, Cardiff.

#### Luncheons

Australia & New Zealand Chamber of Commerce UK

Mr Bob Hawke was the guest of honour and speaker at a business luncheon of the Australian & New Zealand Chamber of Commerce UK held vesterday at the Baltic Exchange. Sir Peter Gadsden, president of the chamber, the High Commissioner for Australia, and the Earl of Limerick were among

First Day Cover Club Sir Alan Langlands, Chief Execu-

tive of the NHS Executive, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the First Day Cover Club held yester-day at BMA House to mark the publication of the Post Office stamps on the Patients' Tale. Mr Keith McDowall presided. Among

Netin McLowali presided. Among others present were:
Lind Clarke of Hampstead, Lord Evans of Watford, Dr James Le Panu, Ms Mary Baker (Parkinson's Disease Society), Mr Richard Dodds (the Heart Hospital), Mr Martin Horwood (Arbheimers' Disease Society), Mr Anthony Page (Age Concern), Ms Sarab Philips (MS Society of Great, Britain) and Ireland) and Mr Robin Corber Ms.

#### School news

Kent College, Canterbury
Mr Andrew Carter has been
appointed as the Head Master of
Vernou Holme, the Junior School of Kent College, Canterbury, He succeeds Mr Terry Smith who retires in August 1999.

Sunningdale School On Sunday, June 27, Sun School is entertaining all Old Boys and former, present and future parents to lunch at the school to celebrate its 125th anniversa Invitations will be sent, but i would be helpful if those wishing to attend would contact the school

#### Appointments in the Forces

The Army
MAJOR-GENERAL: L.D. Curran
to DGTS/POB 22.12.98; A P Grantto DGTS/POB 22.12.98; A P Grant-Peterkin to SAM RCDS 4.1.99; F R Dannatt to GOC 3 Div 15.1.99; A M D Palmer to DGATR 22.1.99; C L Elliott to COS HQ QMG 3.2.99; K O'Donoghue to ACGS 8.2.99; C N G Delves to CJFORT 1.3.99; J C B Sutherell to Comdt RMCS 12.3.99; F R Viggers to Comd MND(SW)SFOR 24.3.99; A S H Irwin to MS 6.4.99; R C Menzies to DGAMS 12.4.09; A P N Currie to DGAMS 12.4.99; A P N Currie to COS HQ AG 30.4.99; R D S Gordon to GOC 2Div 14.5.99; D N Chailes RA to DERA 19.4.99; D B Doherty RLC to HQ NI 123.99: R W Douglas AGC to TSEOTC 13.99: P A Hinds REME to DGES(A) 1.2.99: A G Rowe RLC to ACDS(L) 19.4.99.

Royal Air Force Air Marshal Sir Peter Squire to be Air Officer Commanding in Chief Strike Command and Commander Allied Air Forces Northwestern Europe in the rank of Air Chief Marshal, from March 29, to succession to Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison.

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr GJ.W. Duniop

Mr T.H. Hill

and Miss K.C. Wright

and Miss C.L. Beveridge

Mr F.A. Wiseman and Miss C.E. Langford

The engagement is announced

between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Dunlop, of Tigh Leacann, Skipness, Argyll, and Clare, daughter of Brigadier and

Mrs Charles Wright, of Watchfield House, Watchfield, Wiltshire.

The engagement is announced between Toby, youngest son of Mr David Hill and Mrs Susan Hill, of west London, and Candida, only

daughter of Mr and Mrs Hagh Beveridge, of Allen Street, London Ws.

The engagement is announced between Fraser Alastian, son of Dr

and Mrs Alasdair Wiseman, of

Ouenburg, Beigium, and Claire Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Langford, of Tatsfield,

Mr O.S.J. Adams and Miss A.L. Burke

The engagement is announced between Oliver, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brian Adams, of New York, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Burke, of Camberley, Surrey. Dr J.G. Barwell

and Miss D. Eleftherion The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Barwell, Weybridge, Surrey, and Despina. younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Andreas Eleftheriou, of Athens,

Mr J.R. Brett and Miss R.E.K. Williams The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Tim Brett, of Chilham. Kent, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Williams, of

Bibury, Gloucestershire. Mr J.R.A. Cranmer

Mr J.K.A. Crammer
and Miss E.L. Bartlett
The engagement is announced
between James, son of Mr and Mrs
George Cranmer, of Hedgerley,
Buckinghamshire, and Emma,
daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard Bartlett, of Chobham, Surrey. Mr J.M. Dinwiddy and Miss S. Fern

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Dinwiddy, of Bures. Suffolk, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Fern, of Halifax, Yorkshire.

His Honour G.F.B. Laughland, QC, and Ms J. Bakes-Bradbury The engagement is announced between His Honour Bruce Laughland, QC, of Bayswater, London, and Ms Jacqueline Bakes-Bradbury, of Windsor

Mr P. Hagerman and Miss A. Collett

**Marriages** 

Surrey.

and Miss A. Collect
The marriage took place on
February 27, 1999, at Oriel College,
Oxford, of Mr Patrick Hagerman,
son of Mr and Mrs Michael
Hagerman, of Glendale, California,
to Miss Amanda Collett, daughter
for Mrs Peter Collett and the late of Mr Peter Collett and the late Mrs Collett, of East Horsley,

Mr S.R. Metcali and Mrs P.J.O. Muir The marriage took place quietly in London, on Friday. February 26, between Mr Simon Metcalf and Mrs Primrose Muir.

Anniversaries BIRTHS: Sir William Davenant,

Poet Laureate 1638-68, Oxford, 1606; William Godwin the Elder, philosopher, Wisbech, Cambridge-shire, 1756; Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, Edinburgh, 1847; Sir Henry Wood, conductor and co-founder of the Promenade Concerts, London, 1869; Edward Thomas, poet, Lon-don, 1878; Jean Harlow, actress. Kansas City, 1911.

DEATHS: Sir Nicholas Carew. courtier, executed in London, 1539: Robert Hooke, physicist, London, 1703; William Stukeley, antiquary, London, 1765; Robert Adam, architect and designer, London, 1792; Francis Egerion, 3rd Duke of Bridgewater, engineer and canal builder, London, 1803; Nicolai Gogol, novelist and dramafist, Moscow, 1852; Copley Fielding, landscape painter, Worthing, 1855; Arthur Koestler, novelist, committed soicide with his wife, London, 1983; Danny Kaye, actor, Los Angeles, 1987.

Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata was published, 1802 Bizets opera Carmen was first performed at the Opera Comique in Paris, 1875.

President Kernal Ataturk abolished the Caliphate and disestab-

lished the Islamic religion in Turkey, 1924. The US Congress adopted The Star-Spangled Banner as the American national anthem, 1931.

University news Cambridge

Corpus Christi College The following have been elected to visiting fellowships at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, for 1999-2000: Professor G Cicotti (Physics), Uni-

versity La Sapienza Rome. R J Collier, BSc PhD (Southamp ton) (Electronics) University of Kent.
M Henari BA, MA, PhD (Victoria
University, Wellington) (Maori
Studies), University of Auckland,
M R James BSc, BE, PhD (Mary-

land), (Engineering). Australian National University. Kyra M Landzelius, MA, PhD (Pennsylvania) (Social'Anthropology) Institute for Advanced Studies, Gothenberg.

B Opeskin BC, BL, BCL (Oxford) (Law) University of Sydney.

Professor D W Russell, BA, MA, PhD (Connett) (Egench) University PhD (Toronto), (French) University of Waterloo, Ontario. Professor Danuta Shanzer, AB, DPhil (Oxford), (Classics), Cornell

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# Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength. Hear my prayer, O God, give ear to the words of my mouth. Psalm 54.1-2 (AV).

BIRTHS

BEECH - See Holmes. BOYS - On January 17th 1999, to Adam and Radmila (née Zoric), twin daoghters, Katarina Anna and Natasha Joanna. CANNON-BROOKES - On

February 23rd, in Singapore to Andrew and Philomena, a son, Alistair 26th February 1999, to Claire (use Brockman) n) and Steuart, a son, Edward Henry Clear, a brother for Helena.

Helena. DRYSDALE - On Sunday Fobruary 28th 1999 to Vicky (née Cole) and Robert, a son, William Robin.

GRAHAM - On February 25th in Sydney, to Phillips (116e Woolley) and Paul, a son, Finn Oliver.

to Alison and Julien, a beautiful baby daughter, imogen Kate Ellerby, a sister for Freya. KUHN- Caroline and Michael announce the birth, in Los Angeles, of a

1DCAS - On February 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Kailan and Andrew, a daughter, Annabelle Felyi, a sister for Gregory.

McKAY - On 12th February 1999 to James and Emma, a son, William Henry. NOBLE On 26th February to Lucy Ince Boynon) and Richard, a daughter, Tara Rosalind, a sister for

RUSSEL - On February 26th, to Jane (née Quinlan) and Robin, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, a sister for Joseph.

RYDER - On 1st March 1999 a son, Arran Finn. SCOTT-HOPKINS - On 25th February, to Carey (née Egan), wife of Anthony, a daughter.

SEVMOUR - On 23rd EYMOUR - On 23rd February 1999 in Perth, Australia, to Wendy (née Farrand) and Clive, a son, Douglas John Warrington, a brother for Emma and

TAYLOR - Ian and Tins are pleased to announce the arrival of Serena Chantal born 20th February 1999, a sister for Justin and Leonie.

TAYLOR - On February 25th in Paris, to Sally (née Clarko) and Andrew, a daughter, Laura Camillo, a sister for Emma.

BIRTHS TEDRICK - On February 28th at The Portland Hospital, to John and Cara, a daughter, McKenna Kylie.

WHITMORE - On 1st March, to Sara (née Tiarks) and James, a daughter, Rosanna Elspeth, a sister for Harry and Nicholas.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - Mary (use Perrett) beloved wife of John, loved mother of David and Liz and adored grandmother, died peacefully at home on Sunday 28th February 1999. Thanksgiving Service at Hole Training 1999. Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Service at Holy Trinity Church, Blythbeurgh, Suffolk at 12:30 pm on Monday 8th March 1999. Family flowers only; donations if desired to Marie Curle Cancer Care or Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o A Jary and Sone Ltd., 43 High Street, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

BEYNON - Richard, Actor. Writer, Producer, 28th March 1925 - 1st March 1939, Finally at peace having pessed away quietly in his sleep. Enquiries to Mesrs & Cotterill, tel: (0181)

BOOTH - Died on 24th
February (after a long
period of mentel illness,
from which he was making
a recovery) in hospital, of
Durham City, Michael
Francia, aged 65 years,
iretired Sports Journalist
for The Sunday Times and
The Daily Telegraph),
much loved father of
Amanda and Deborah and
a devoted grandfather of
Hannah, Patrick, Benedict
and Katy, Funeral service

and Kety. Fu d cremation to take see on Friday March 5th at 11am. Offers of Amanda Harrison, 1, Darras Road, Ponteland Northumberland NE20 9PD. Tel 01661 860448.

CHRISTMAS - Bettine Mary peacefully as Hangarford Nursing Home on 28th February aged 83 years. Devoted wife to Hingh, she will be greatly missed by all her many friends and family. Funeral Service at Swindon Crematerium on Tuesday March 9th at 11.30 sm. Flowers to Camp Hopeon Funeral Directors, Newbury, tel: (01635) 522210. A Memorial Service to be announced later.

DEATHS DESLANDES - Jack Ashby DSC peacefully on 28th February, dearly beloved husband of Norah, father of Rodney and Paul and much loved grandfather and great-grandfather.

much loved grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at Randalls Park
Crematorium Leatherheed on Friday 5th March at 4.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Alzheimer's Disease Society (Mid.-Surrey Branch), Hope Lodge, 10 Church Street, Epsom.

DICKINSON - On let March, peacefully at home, Dr Reginald Gerard Dickinson, of Penny Bridge, Cumbria, dearly loved husband of Pat, devoted father of Barbara and John, father-in-law of Liz and grandfather of Toby & Hannah, Service on Friday 5th March at 11.30um at 5t Marry's RC Church, Ulverston, Church, Ulverston, Cumbrin, followed by burial at Haverthwaite. Friends welcome at church

GOODFELLOW - On 27th
Fobruary Mark, cherished
busband of Lynn and
devoted father of Venetia
and Adam. Cremation at
Mortlake on Monday 8th
March at 2.30 pm. No
formers please but flowers please but donations may be sent to

"Friends of Barnes Hospital" for the refurbishment of the refurblehment of the garden of the hospital in recognition of the loving care bestowed upon him by all the staff c/o Leverton & Sons, 212 Everaholt St, NW1 1BD. HAMILTON - On 27th

HAMELTON - On 27th
February, Charles
Hamilton aged 68, died
peacefully after a gallant
light following heart
surgery. Funeral on
Friday, 5th March at Holy
Trinity Church,
Folkestone at 12.45pm
followed by crumation at
Hawkinge Crematorium.
Flowers or donations in
lieu to British Heart
Foundation, c/o Thomas
Family Undertakors, 31
Bouverle Road West,
Folkestone, CT20 2SZ. Tel
01303 245500.

ReGALL - Annie Margaret suddenly on February 28th aged 18 years. Beloved daughter of Robin and Sue and eister of Robin and Sue and storn. Funeral Mass on Thursday March 4th in Tethury. Thankagtving Service at 2.30 pm on Friday 12th March at The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Tethury, Glos. to which all are welcome. Family Howers only. Any and cometery, and afterwards at Angler's Arms, Haverthwaite. Arms, Haverthwaite.

Donations in his memory
to The Parkinson's Disease to which all are welcome.
Family flowers only. Any
donations to Taizé Youth
Project, Diocase of Clifton
c/o St Mary's School,
Shaftasbury, Dorset.

LAURANCE - Robin John 18th March 1942 - 27th February 1993, Suddenly passed away, without suffering and is now at rest. He lought valiantly against a serious illness with courage and outhism. never

with courage and optimism, never complaining and living life to the full. He achieved a great deal in all spects of life. He was particularly proud of his involvement in the development of The Hobbie Space Telescope and his work with The European Space Agency. He was a wonderful family man and we are so thankful for all the happy memories. Belowed husband of Cherry (Lapthorn), son of Harold and Bunty, special father of Paul, John, Jane and Neil, also of Nicole and Peter, grandfather of Kyls and Zoa Robin's funeral takes place on 4th March

Imperial Cancer Res Fund, PO Box 123, Lincoins Inn Fields,

London WC2A 3PX. Home address: Clusiusetrast 20A, 2163 RG, Lisse, The

ESSEX - Hilds Annie (née
Nan Allan) on February
28th 1999 aged 84
peacefully at home after a
courageous struggle. Much
loved wife of Owen, vary
dear mother of Wendy
(Cundy) and Nigel,
grandmother and greatgrandmother and great-

GAYWOOD - Peacefully on Friday 28th February at Honeyditches Nursing Hume, Seaton, Roy Cedric aged 29. Beloved husband of Nancy, Will be remembered with great love and affection by Fenella, Carol, Clive, Norman and grandsons Martin, James and Roger. Funeral Service at St Paul's Chapel, Exeter Crematorium at 3.45pm, Friday 5th March, No Crematorium at 3.45pm, Friday 5th March. No Friday 5th March. No Friday 5th March. No Honeyditches Nursing Home, Seaton at the service or c/o Hanafords, Funeral Directors, 6 Townsend, Beer, Devon, EX12 3LH. Relatives and friends please meet at the Chand!

# PERSONAL COLUMN

LAUDER - Colonel Philip
Lunder, late XI Hussers
(P.A.O.), peacafully at
kome on Sunday 28th
February 1999. Beloved
husband of Frankie, father
of Gilly, Brigid, Desmond
and Josana and
Grandfather. Funeral
service at the Church of St.
John the Baptist,
Buckhorn Weston, Dorset,
ou Saturday March 6th at
12 noon. Family flowers
only, donations if desired
for Cancer Research, may
be sent to Bracher
Brothers Funeral
Directors, Gillingham,
Douset, SFB 4QL. Tel:
01747 822494.

LORD - On 1st March LORD - On 1st March
peacefully in hospital and
of Hartford, Cheshire
Arthur Valentine (Val)
aged 77 years, much lowed
father of Indy and
grandfather of Kato and
Daniel, Funeral Service to
take place at Whitegate
Parish Church on Monday
8th March at 11.30am
followed by interment.
Enquiries to George
Lightfoot, Witton Mews.
Northwich tel 01606 42011
/ 40240.

MACTAGGART - Neil Anid of Nasseu, Behamas. On 28th February in London after a short illness, aged 73 years. Beloved husband of Betty Jane, devoted isther of Ann, Robin, Neil, Tura and Andrew and loving grandisther of eight.

MANTILE-Irene. On Pebruary 28th in her 90th year at Eastbourne (formerly of Lichfield). Much leved mother of Geoffrey and widow of Fractarick. Funeral Service at Printon Church, Sussex on Monday March 8th at 11.30am.

MARRICE - Phyllis, HMI
Education 1947 - 1990,
died 20th February 1999.
Her Chief Inspector of the
time said of her work 'I do
not know of any infant
school in the country
which did not look
for ward to her visit and
feel better for her presence
in their school . The
thanksgiving service will
take pince at Barrow
Parish Church, Barrow.
Bury St Edmands, Soffolk
at 2pm on 9th March
followed by the Committal
at the Cremstorium,
Risby.

McCALL - Donald of

McCALL - Donald of Widdington, Saffron Walden, Essex on Thursday 25th February 1999 aged 38. Beloved husband of Vere, father of Gillie and John, grandfather of Henrietts, Rosetta, Serena, Francis and Gerard. Family funeral.

McCOMMELL - Frank on February 25th pescafully at home in his 90th year. Much loved father of Blaise, Ann and Edwina. Funeral Service at The Carnelite Church, Keusington Church Street on Thursday 4th March at 1.30 nm.

MITCHESOM - Beryl (née Métcalfe), peaceinily at home after a long illness on lat Morch speed 63. Much loved wife and mother. Service at 1 pm Fridgy 1th March at Eastbourne Crumstorium. Donations to St Michael's Hospies, c/o Mummery F/D, Berchill.

NUTTING - The Rt Hon Sir WITHES - The Rt Hon Sir Anthony Bt PC - the funeral will be held at 3pm on Thursday 4th March at Holy Trinity Brompton, family and friends walcome. All enquiries to Leverton and Sons Ltd. 0171 387 6075.

PLET - Margaret Elizabeth Ann (nás Goodden) peacefully and courageously on February 26th, Much loved wife of the late Michael Piint and sister of John Goodden, stepnother of Michael, Gostres and the late.

OFERRALL - On February

OFERALL - On February
28th, Bunty, beloved
widow of the late Col.
James Offerrall RE, died
at the Winsbourne Furning
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borns with great courage
and humour. Dearest
mother of Bridget, Pam.
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Charles and much loved
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March at LSU pm. Flowers
(or denations to Bernardos
if desired) to Funeral
Director, O'Hara of
Wimbourne, 01202 882134.

PADMORE - On March 1st 1899 peacefully at St Peters Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey, Dennis aged \$2 years. Much loved father of Joanna and Simon. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist Church, Church Road, \$t John's, Woking, Surrey, on Church Road, St John's, Woking, Surrey, on Wednesday March 10th at 12.15 pm. followed by private cramation. Family flowers only, Donations if desired to R.M.B.1. or St Peters Hospital Critical Care Challenge of Woking Funeral Service, tel: (01483) 772265.

stepmether of Michael.
George and the lato
Charles, grandmother of
Amashel, Henrietts and
Louise. Funeral at St
Mary's Church Henley on
Monday March 8th at
11am, followed by private
cremation. Family Rowers
only. Donations to See
Ryder Home Nettlebed,
Nettlebed, Hamley on
Thames RG9 SDF.

PONESONBY - Diana,
Linlithgow. Poscafully at
home on Saturday 27th
Februsary 1899, Diana
Wray (née Hurt), beloved
wife of Lt Coi Chum
Ponsonby, dearly loved
mother of Richard and
Miles and a much loved
grandinother. Funeral Miles and a much loved grandmother. Funeral service will be held at St. Peter's Episcopel Church, Linlithgow on Friday 5th March at 2pm and thereafter to Falkirk Causattorium arriving 3pm. Donations only to Peoples Dispensary for Sick Animals, 2B Hutchison Cressway.

Hutchison Crossway, Edinburgh EH14 1RR. POOLE-Robert Murton of Dale Hall, Lawford

POOLE - Robert Murton of Dale Hall, Lawford suddenly on 27th February aged 81. Much loved by his wife Jeitje, children Ranuiph and Alice and grandchildren Lella and Alicia. Funeral Service to be held at Lawford Church on Tuesday 9th March at noon. No flowers please but any donations for the Lawford Church Organ Fund c/o R Gwinnell & Sons, 24 High Street, Manningtree. POOLE - Joan, dearly loved wife of David, on Friday February 28th 1999 suddenly at home. Funeral Service at Weeley Crematorium on Friday March 12th at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o P.G. Oxley Ltd. 47 High Street, Walton-on-the-Name, Essex, tel: (01235) 675649.

the-Name, Esser, tel:
(0)255) 675548.

POTTER - Katharine Ashton
died on February 28th
1998 aged 32 years. She
will be sadly missed by her
relations and by her many,
many friends. The funeral
service will take place at
St James Church,
Ramsden, Ozon, on Friday
3th March at 2 pm,
followed by private
cremation. No flowers
places. Any emquiries to
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Witney, Ozon, OX3 1HE,
tel: (0)1655 860837.

PREMINCEE - Simpson, on
26th February 1999, desrly
leved husband of Grace
and loving dud of Claire,
Louise and Felicity. Many
thanks to all staff at the
Coronary Care Unit of the
Victorie Infirmary.

thanks to all staff at the Coronary Care Unit of the Victorie Infigurary, Glasgow, Funeral service at Shawiands Parish Church, Pollokahaws Road on Friday 5th March at 10.30 am and thereafter in Linn Cemetary, Lainahaw Drive. No flowers please, donations if wished to R.N.L.I.

R.N.L.I. RANDALL - Mrs. fost RANDALL - Mrs Joan
Florence (nde Black),
widow of Alan, peacefully
on 24th February 1999
aged 91. No funeral service
at her request. Donations
if desired to Royal Star
and Gerter Home for the
Disabled, Richmond,
Surrey TW10 6RR. RAMLLY - Peggy, nee Warren, beloved wife of Mick and mother of TICKETS FOR SALE FLATSHARE Mick and mother of Christine, Angela, Patrick, Brian and Denis, pascefully in her sleep on Sunday February 28th 1999. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Westwood, Bradford-on-Avon on Tuesday March 9th at 2.30pm. Donations please to the Struke Association, Struke House. Whitecross

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Manchester, nged 78. Very
much loved and missed by
Joan and Mike, Isn and
Elleen, Victoria and
Katherine, Funeral at
Altrincham Crematorium
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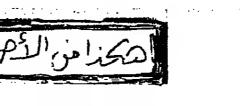
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**OBITUARIES** 

Professor Bob Zachary, paediatrician, died on February 1 aged 85. He was born on March 1, 1913.

BOB ZACHARY was one of the pioneers of British paediatnic surgery. He pursued his career with great energy and dedication despite a severe spinal deformity, and in 1953 he was one of the small group who formed the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons. He was a surgeon of superb technical ability and a champion of surgery of the newhorn, his main contribution being in the management of children born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. After a degree in pharmacy,

Robert Bransby Zachary turned his attention to medicine, graduating in 1940 at Leeds with first class honours and the Gold Medal, with prizes in clinical medicine and surgery. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1943 and initially pursued a career in orthopaedic surgery in Oxford. He was elected Hunterian Professor at the Royal College of Surgeons in 1944 for research in orthopaedics.

In 1947 he turned his attention to paediatric surgery, and with a grant from the Nuffield Foundation he began training in the Children's Hospital at ance, but often with personal Boston, Massachusetts. In financial assistance. 1945, he was appointed consultant paediatric surgeon at the Children's Hospital in Sheffield, where he developed an

internationally acclaimed unit. Zachary campaigned for paediatric surgeons to be given a monopoly of neonatal surgery, so that they might



accumulate sufficient expertise in a variety of work. As chairman of the specialist advisory committee, he emphasised the need for specialist centres to provide training for future generations of paediatric surgeons and to carry out essential research and development to promote the speciality. He helped many trainees from other parts of the world, not

In the field of spina bifida, he promoted the aim of early surgical closure of the myelomeningocoele: active treatment of the associated hydrocephalus and continued follow-up and aggressive management of orthopaedic renal and bowel problems. He was a founder member of the Society for Research into Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida (and chair-man, 1969-71). Many of his articles and lectures concerned

Above all, Zachary was a hands-on surgeon and a superb teacher. He was president of the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons, 1962-63, and received numerous awards and degrees. He was in great demand internationally as a guest speaker, frequent-ly delivering lectures in the language of his audience. whether in Russia, Poland or Czechoslovakia. He was awarded a personal chair in paediatric surgery by Shef-field University in 1976.

the treatment of spina bifida.

Bob Zachary's first wife. Faith, predeceased him in 1981. His second wife, Winifred, died in 1990, but he is survived by his third wife, Janetta, and by two sons and a daughter from his first mar-riage, all of whom are doctors.

# PROFESSOR BOB ZACHARY SIR FREDERICK SOUTHWORTH

Sir Fredrick Southworth, QC, former Chief Justice in Malawi, died on February 22 aged 88. He was born on May 9, 1910.

rederick Southworth was a survivor of the terrorist bomb which destroyed the King David Hotel in Jerusalem 52 years ago. Newly appointed Crown Counsel in Palestine, he was arriving for a meeting in the hotel - the headquarters of Britain's Palestine Army Command — when the terrorists struck on July 22, 1946.

A truckload of milk churns, guarded by armed men from the Irgun gang, the Jewish organisation headed by the future Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, had drawn up at the basement entrance shortly after noon. The gang unloaded the churns, which were packed with gelignite, and carried them into the kitchens of the Regency restaurant just below the British military secretariat, shooting and wounding an army officer who had challenged them.

Ninety-one people were killed in the blast, and many more were critically injured, including Southworth. Irritially left for dead, he lay for days unconscious in hospital, and it was feared that he would never walk again. But after months on crutches, being nursed by the wife he had married four years before, he made a remarkable recovery. As if to disprove the more gloomy prognoses at the time, he made walking one of his favourite recreations.

Nearly 20 years after that notorious explosion. Southworth met Israel's soldierstatesman Moshe Dayan, who apologised to him on behalf of the nation. Southworth gracefully accepted the apology.

Southworth: became independent Malawi's first Chief Justice

Frederick Southworth had been born in Blackburn, and from Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School he went up to Exeter College, Oxford. On graduating, he read for the Bar, and was called by Gray's

Commissioned into the South Lancashire Regiment in 1939, he transferred to the Lancashire Fusiliers before sailing for India in 1942. There he served with the 14th Army before being posted to the Judge Advocate-General's department, ending the war as Deputy Judge Advocate-General for Eastern Command,

with the rank of colonel. He joined the Colonial Legal Service in 1946, shortly before leaving for Palestine on his suffered in Jerusalem, he moved to a similar post in Tanganyika (now Tanzania). and in 1951 he became Anornev-General in the Bahamas. He took silk in the following year, and went on to serve as Acting Governor and Acting

Chief Justice at various times.

He also drafted legislation governing the operation of American guided-weapon bases in relation to civil aviation in the region, and indulged himself in his spare time by fishing in the Caribbean and writing theatre reviews for Nassau's Daily Tribune. Then in 1955 he returned to Africa as a puisne judge in Nyasaland.

He was much quoted in the press in 1960 when he headed a commission of inquiry into first appointment. After recovering from the injuries he newspaper allegations against the Nyasaland police after

riots in Blantyre during a visit by the Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan. His report found "no evidence that enough blood had been spilt to fill a mustard spoon or enough skin lost to cover a postage stamp".

Appointed Acting Governor-General for 1964-65, as Nyasaland was becoming the independent state of Malawi, Southworth had the job of swearing in Hastings Banda as President, and stayed to serve as Malawi's first Chief Justice, until retiring in 1970. It was not an easy time. Southworth's duty to uphold the rule of law was complicated by Banda's more cavalier approach. Southworth's reserves of good humour and common sense were fully tested as he steered a practical course in tricky circumstances.

Himself a lawyer of instinctive integrity, he is generally considered to have managed a difficult situation very well, by keeping Banda on his side.

A well-read man with a deep

love of history and a healthy sense of the absurd, Fred Southworth also left a horticultural mark wherever he worked. At Dar-es-Salaam. for example, he planted francipanis along the long drive to his house, with pink flowers down one side and white ones on the other. In Malawi he befriended local agricultural research scientists, soliciting their advice before importing an impressive variety of soft fruit trees and even vines to explore the potential of the Blantyre soil and climate

But he was also an inveterate traveller who, together with his wife, spent much of his time touring round the Mediterranean in retirement. A close family man, he is survived by his wife Margaret, whom he married in 1942. and by their three daughters.

# MYLES PONSONBY

Myles Ponsonby, CBE, secret intelligence officer, died on February I aged 74. He was born on September 12, 1924.

MYLES PONSONBY never revealed his long career as a member of the Secret Intelligence Service (known colloquially as M16). Yet he was twice head of mission: first as Consul-General in Hanoi at the height of the Vietnam War and later as Ambassador in Ulan Bator to the People's

Republic of Mongolia. Ponsonby's service to the Crown began during the Sec-ond World War. As a lieutenant in the King's Royal Rifle Corps (60th Rifles) he took part in Operation Overlord and saw action in Normandy. During the advance at Tessel Brettville he was wounded. and he returned to convalesce in Yorkshire.

Until the end of the war he was involved in retraining a large contingent of free Czechs, and as an instructor at the School of Infantry, Warm-

After VE-Day he was posted to Tripolitania and subse-quently was sent to Palestine as an intelligence officer. A posting at GHQ Middle East followed, which led to his eventual involvement in Security Intelligence Middle East. This led to his transfer to the Secret Intelligence Service.

Later postings took him to Egypt, Cyprus, Beirut and Jakarta. After a spell at home he was posted to Kenya as political adviser to the British High Commissioner in Nairobi. He was also adviser to the British Military Mission.

His time in Nairobi was cut short by a 13-month cross-posting to Hanoi, where he played a role in the vain attempts by the Wilson Government to broker peace in Vietnam. A recent paper on the role of the Hanoi Consulate in the Vietnam War reflects the importance the Foreign Office at-tached to Ponsonby's reporting from North Vietnam, It draws anennon to his astute observation that "the Russians, and even possibly the Chinese, have as much difficulty dealing with North Viet-nam as the US have with the Southerners".

A Foreign Office telegram, replying to one of his reports. commented that his observatinns nn Vietnamese resilience were important because "they call into question some of the fundamental assumptions of American policy"

Ponsonby right, and for his work in Hanoi he was appointed CBE in 1966. Another spell at home saw

Ponsonby as a senior member of the personnel department of Viscount Kemsley tried to the SIS at a time of radical reconstruction. The implemeninsulate himself from these disappointments by throwing taoon of the changes required a firm but sympathetic louch with members of staff, which himself more and more deeply into his involvement with The Ponsonby supplied. He was then posted to Rome as head Sunday Times. But by now Kemsley Newspapers was no longer on a sound financial footing. Unlike the man who of the SIS station. His final posting abroad was to Ulan Bator, as an experienced observer at the height of the Cold

Myles Walter Ponsonby was born in Hyde Park Gate, Kensington, the son of Victor Coope Ponsonby and Gladys Walter. Her family were proprietors of The Times. He anended St Aubyn's Preparatory School at Rottingdean. Sussex, and went on to Eton. He was a descendant of Sir Henry Ponsonby, Queen Victoria's Private Secretary, and his family background gave him a strong sense of duty. He combined this with an insistence on frankness, yet at all omes a respect for good manners.

He was a modest man - so much so that many underestimated his qualities and were unaware of his achievements. He was, however, a great party giver

He is survived by his wife Anne, who for nearly 50 years supported him in his career. and by their son and two

#### only with professional guid-**AMY CAMERON**

Amy Cameron. hospital play specialist. died in Bristol on February 1 aged 77. She was born on July 14, 1921.

AMY CAMERON specialised in the promotion of hospital play and was a founder member of the National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital, which has pioneered many aspects of the treatment of children in hospital that are now taken for granted.

Born Amy Katharina Mary Robbins, she was sent to finish her schooling with relatives in Rheydt in Germany in 1938. At this time there were frequent Nazi parades through the town, and on one occasion Amy was introduced to Hitler. When war broke out, her parents told her to return home immediately, though she only discovered that Britain and Germany were at war when she arrived back.

She was plagued by illhealth. As a child, she had deformed legs and she needed leg-irons unol her teens to set

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vised to take up dancing as a form of physiotherapy, and did so with such gusto that she went on to win the West of England Ballroom Dancing Championship. She later suffered a burst appendix. The

subsequent emergency opera-tion was undertaken without anaesthetic. Her health denied her a place in the WRNS during the war, but she joined BOAC (British Overseas Airways Corporation) as a secretary, and later carried messages as part

of the war effort. She married William Cameron in August 1950. Her son Peter was born in 1959. Because of her medical condition, she had to spend the whole of her pregnancy in hospital. Even so, her baby was very poorly and spent long periods in hospital. Her experiences of hospital and its restrictions encouraged her to join a group of people in setting up Mothercare for Children in Hospital. This later changed its name to the National Association for the

Welfare of Children in Hospi-

secretary from 1961 to 1974. · She was also honorary secre-

tary of the Standing Conference of Women's Organisations from 1961 to 1982. The provisions she advocated for the care of children in hospital, such as open visiting hours for parents and play areas on wards, are now standard practice. In 1969 the family moved to

Yorkshire, where she contin-ued her work with children. She attached herself to the West Yorkshire Regional Health Authority, based at Airedale General Hospital, as play co-ordinator. She travelled all over Yorkshire setting up hospital playgroups, and was a British pioneer of the treatment of severely mentally retarded children by introducing them (with suitable protection) into children's wards in hospital

After the break-up of her marriage, she returned to Bristol to bring up her own children. Despite her disabilities and almost constant pain, she joined in numerous local activities and charities. She is

#### VISCOUNT KEMSLEY the end of a chapter in the British newspaper industry

Viscount Kemsley, Conservative MP for Buckingham, 1943-45, and Deputy Chairman of Kemsley Newspapers, 1938-59, died on February 28 aged 89. He was born on June 29, 1909.

THE son of one of Britain's last native newspaper tycoons, Llonel Berry, 2nd Viscount Kemsley, was deputy chairman of Kemsley Newspapers until his father, the 1st Viscount, sold the family's controlling interest in the company to Roy Thomson in 1959. It was

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which had seen the Kemsley organisation owning The Sunday Times, the Daily Graphic. the Sunday Graphic and a string of solid regional newspapers. In these dramatic events Lionel Kemsley played a low-key role, though his father's sale of The Sunday Times was effected with his and his brothers' approval.

The company had been created in 1938 by his father, Gomer Berry, one of three Merthyr Tydfil brothers all of and peers. Seymour Berry, who became Lord Buckland. was principally an industrialist. William (later Viscount Camrose) and Gomer took to newspapers and for more than twenty years worked in har-ness. They acquired their first oile, The Sunday Times, in 1915, and in the period after the First World War their empire expanded enormously. In 1924 they founded Allied Newspapers with another proprictor, the future Lord Iliffe. Their activities gave them controlling interests in a large number of titles, national and regional, notable among them The Financial Times and The

Daily Telegraph.

But in 1938 the brothers decided to disentangle their affairs from each other and from those of Lord tliffe. William had two sons, Gomer six, and it could not be guaranteed that the cordial working relationship that had subsisted between the fathers would continue in their offspring. Besides, Gomer, four years younger, did not relish permanent junior status.

In the consequent business disengagement, William acquired The Daily Telegraph. Gomer The Sunday Times. The latter immediately pro-claimed his sovereignty by creating Kemsley Newspapers (he had been created Baron Kemsley in 1936); his eldest son, Lionel, became deputy chairman.

Geoffrey Lionel Berry had been educated at Marlbor-



Berry as Deputy Chairman of Kemsley Newspapers in the 1950s

ough and Magdalen College. Oxford. His father saw to it that he fully understood the newspaper business by sending him to the US to study American business methods. In the 1930s he became a director of Allied Newspapers. When war came he served in the Grenadier Guards, but was invalided out in 1942. Next, an opportunity pre-sented itself for him to enter

Parliament. The MP for Buckingham, Brigadier J. P. Whiteley, had died on war service and Berry was elected unopposed to his seat. However, he was a victim of the Labour landslide of 1945 and did not return to Parliament. Meanwhile his father, who had been created Viscount Kernsley in 1945, was building

up his newspaper organisa-oon. But although The Sun-day Times prospered in a circulation battle against The Observer, other parts of the company came under pressure in an increasingly cut-throat market. In 1952 the Daily Graphic was sold to Associated Newspapers. The Kemsley Sunday Chronicle was merged with the organisarion's Empire News, one of several retrenchments of the kind, while the Daily Record was sold off to the Mirror

was 10 snap his papers up, the Canadian magnate Roy (later Lord) Thomson. Kemsley had failed to appreciate the moneymaking potential of commer-cial television. In 1959 he stunned the newspaper world with the announcement that The Sunday Times and his regional newspapers had been sold to Thomson. Lionel and his brothers left the board; it was the end of his involvement with newspapers and he concentrated on public duties in the East Midlands where he lived. He was a county councillor for Northants, 1964-70, and High Sher-

iff of Leicestershire in 1967. He was also, from 1973 to 1984, chairman of St Andrew's Hos-pital, Northampton, and from 1976 to 1983, president of the Association of Independent Hospitals. He succeeded his father in 1968.

He married, in 1933. Lady Helen Hay, eldest daughter of the 11th Marquess of Tweeddale. She and their four daughters survive him.

#### **DISCOVERY OF TOMB** OF TUTANKHAMUN

Mr Howard Carter, the great Egyptologist who gained fame for his part in one of the most successful and exciting episodes in the annals of archaeology, the discovery and exploration of the tomb of Tutankhamun. died at his London home yesterday.

After the War the fifth Earl of Carnaryon

applied for and was granted a concession in the Valley of the Tombs of the Kings. It had been thought that all the mysteries of the famous valley had been disclosed. All former excavators had worked on the system of sondages — that is, making pits in rubbish in likely places in the hope of finding a tomb entrance. But Lord Carnarvon and Mr Carter decided that they must excavate down to actual bedrock and that their best chance was to clear away former workers' rubbish, which had often been dumped down without previous search of the ground. About 150,000 to 200,000 tons of rubbish was removed, and though they came across much unrouched ground, nothing save some alabaster vases and a few minor objects rewarded their perseverance until November 5, 1922, when Howard Carter came upon a step cut in the

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identified with the discovery and excavation of the tomb of Tutankhamun.

Howard Carter's name will always be

Thus Carter made a find rarely vouchsafed to the archaeologist. Even then it was only after years of toil. The step, which was beneath the entrance of the tomb of Rameses VI. proved to be the beginning of a stairway that led down to the tomb of Tutankhamun. Hardly daring to believe that the good fortune, so long deferred, had then come. Carter loyally waited until his friend and fellow-worker, Lord Carnaryon, could arrive from England to help him. When Lord Carnaryon arrived he and Carter opened the first door, which revealed a descending passage leading to a second door. A little

breach was made in it and a candle inserted into the dark hole; then gradually, his eyes becoming accustomed to the darkness, Carter saw strange animals, statues, and gold everywhere the glint of gold. And this was but a glimpse of the treasures which were eventually to be brought to light. To have found the trimb at all was a triumph, but to have found it intact was beyond the wildest dreams of Egyptologists, as Royal tombs had been so often the prey of the ancient robber. The discovery stirred the whole civilized

world more perhaps than any other archaeo-logical success had ever done.

Born at Swaffham, Norfolk, in 1873, Howard Carter was the youngest son of Mr Samuel John Carter, animal painter. As a youth he showed great keenness and aptitude for archaeological work, and when 17 years of age he went to Egypt on the staff of the E.E.F. Archaeological Survey. In 1892 he assisted Professor Flinders Petrie in the excavation of Telef-Amarna on behall of Lord Amherst. and from 1893 to 1899 he was draughtsman to the E.E.F. Staff. Deir-el Bahari campaign.

For the next 20 years and more he was engaged on many important investigations which seemed to lead him step by step in the crowning achievement of 1922, and there was probably no one richer in experience and knowledge than Howard Carter to be in charge of the treasures of the 10mb . . .

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## THE TIMES TODAY

#### NEWS

#### Safari killers chose British victims

Hutu rebels who bludgeoned and hacked to death eight tourists after kidnapping them from a gorilla safari camp attached notes to the bodies saying "Americans and British, we don't want you on our land."

The attackers were specifically looking for Britons and Americans when they raided the Bwindi Park in Uganda. The attackers told the French to stand aside. Four Ugandans were killed and 14 English-speaking tourists were then marched into the jungle, where the eight met their deaths.....

#### Survivor tells of jungle murders

A survivor of the kidnappings gave a graphic account of being forced to march nine hours through the jungle and seeing the bodies of five of his companions who had been hacked to .. Page 1 death with machetes...

#### Dome doubts

Labour MPs will today seek guarantees that the Government will not bale out the £758 million Millennium Dome after a report raised doubts about its ability to ..... Page 4 pay its way...

#### Plea for life

A woman told the Old Bailey how she kissed the boots of a German soldier as she pleaded for her life. As she begged Anthony Sawoniuk, the man accused of helping to carry out Nazi genocide, did nothing to help ...

#### Bus boy 'murdered'

A boy of eight was "befriended. groomed and seduced" before being murdered by a bus driver who had picked him up on his regular route, a jury heard. The driver gave Jamie Lavis special treats during the journey ...

#### Killer sunbeds

Sunbeds can kill, the Health Education Authority declared. With up to three million people using them every year, the authority says that sunbeds could be responsible for a very high incidence of the most dangerous form of skin cancer...

#### Drummer's £600,000

Tony McCarroll, the drummer who was sacked by Oasis as the rock group achieved success in 1995, won a £600,000 settlement

yesterday ......

#### Islanders sue

Islanders from the Chagos archipelago in the Indian Ocean accused Britain of illegally sending them into poverty-stricken exile in order to turn their home over to American forces...

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#### Leader steps down

Dem Demaci, the father figure of the Kosovo Liberation Army, stepped down as its political front man after regional commanders said they could no longer accept his hardline stance, which is blocking peace plans for the prov-Page 7 ince...

#### MPs told of nation's hidden treasures

Owners of national treasures are reneging on pledges to open them up to the public in return for tax benefits. MPs will be told that in any one year just 15 per cent of properties are visited by the public. Some owners are making it difficult for people to view their property even though in the past 15 years some £760 million has been deferred in tax payments....... Page 4

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Formula One driver Johnny Herbert with the RAAF precision flying team over Melbourne before Sunday's first race of the season

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Cold cuts: How the discovery of ancient ice at the South Pole has led to a rethink of climate theories. Plus, Nigel Hawkes reports on the scientist combing rich lists for sponsors; and protection for whales from man-made sounds...... Page 14

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The more Washington seeks to broaded its agenda with Beijing, the more harshly China treats its democrats and dissidents. Americans will not support a policy of engagement and improved relations with China if the price is American inaction on human rights abuses - The New York Times

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The beef on the bone ban should end. Arise Sirloin....

#### SIMON JENKINS

My impression is that, during the Cold War, spying was a game acceptable to public opinion. Now that war is over, spying against states with whom we are not at war is less acceptable, yet is more likely to be of value\_\_\_\_

#### **BRONWEN MADDOX**

I love it when people complain that American culture is taking over the world. It hasn't even taken over the United States... \_\_Page 16 "安理海水"

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#### **ALAN COREN**

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#### PETER RIDDELL

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Britain's role outside euro; BMJ's celebration of sex and health; threat to beer trade\_\_\_\_



☐ General: England and Wales will be tresher than yesterday with surmy spells and showers. There will be strong winds in the south-west and along the Channel coast. The showers will be heaviest in the west and some may be thuridary, and they may become prolonged in the north. North-em keland, northern and western Scotland will be cold and windy with frequent heavy showers, the showers slowly turning wintry. Eastern Scotland will be slightly milder and less windy but there will be rein at times.

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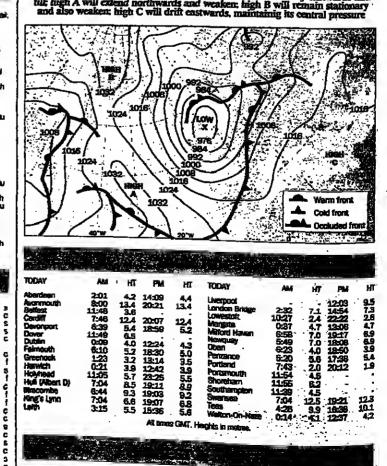
Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdees, Moray Firth, N E Scotland, Orteney, Shetland: mainly cloudy with occasional outbreaks of rain. Light to moderate north to north-easterly wind. Max 7C (45F).

S W Scotland, Glasgow, Cantral High-lands, Argyll, N W Scotland: windy with heavy and Itundery showers, some of them with hail. Sleet and snow on hills. A strong north wind. Max temp 5-7C (41-45F).

□ N Ireland: very windy with heavy and thundery showers and only brief sunny breaks. A strong to gale force north to north-west wind. Max 8C (46F).

☐ Republic of Ireland: sunny intervals and heavy showers, mostly in the west. Squally winds freshening northwestesty, strong at times in the west. Max 10C (50F). ☐ Outlook: tomorrow will continue showery, many of the showers merging into long-er spells of ram with sleet and snow in Scotland. Friday will remain cold with a mix of surmy spells and showers, the showers increasingly wintry with the best sunshine in sheltered southern areas.

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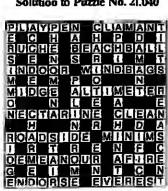
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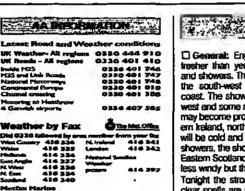
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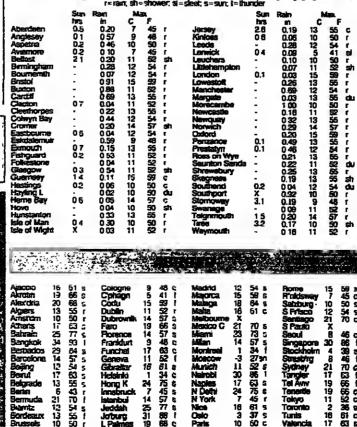
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**BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft** 

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# Hewlett-Packard chief goes in demerger



Platt: to be replaced by an outsider

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK .

HEWLETT-PACKARD, the world's secondbiggest computer manufacturer behind Compaq, yesterday announced the demerger of a key division and the departure of its

The \$75 billion (£47 billion) company, a Silicon Valley pioneer set up in 1938, is demerging its main hardware business from its subsidiary specialising in electronic testing

Lewis Platt, chairman, one of the computer industry's most powerful men, will step down after the demerger, almost two years before he was due to retire. He is expected to be replaced by an executive from outside the

The comprehensive restructuring is aimed at boosting profitability at the trou-bled company and refocusing on Internet

The demerger aims to take advantage of the huge investor interest in Internet-related stocks. Hewlett-Packard shares have lagged behind those of its competitors. The shares rose 17 per cent over the past two years while Compaq, the industry leader, went from \$15 to \$45.

Hewlett-Packard has struggled to maintain its high profitability in recent quarters as prices for computers and printers turnbled even though demand remained strong. Economic problems in Asia and Latin America are said to have contributed to the profitability problems.

Edward Barnholt, an executive vice-president, will become head of the measurements company. An outsider is expected to be hired for the top job at the hardware business, which earns 85 per cent of the company's revenues of about \$47 billion a year.
The first signs of a significant shake-up at Hewlett-Packard came last December when

the company cut pay for 2,400 managers by 5 per cent in an effort to curb costs. The three-month pay cut came at a time when salaries in the rest of the industry were rising steeply to retain scarce talent.

Analysts had expected the company to take drastic action after it announced earlier that profits had fallen 13 per cent, leading to a 15 per cent share price drop in a single week. The disappointing results marked the eighth time in nine quarters that Hewlett-Packard had remained below analysts'

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5% rise in

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BY PAUL ARMSTRONG

THE number of cigarette smok-

500,000, or 5 per cent, last year,

according to startling research

#### Rate cut hopes bolstered by fresh earnings data

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

HOPES that the Bank of England will cut rates again were bolstered yesterday by the long-awaited publication of the average earnings figures, which confirmed that wage growth slowed markedly in the second half

of last year. The average earnings data were suspended last November after a series of revisions had altered the nuderlying path of wage growth during the first half of 1998, casting doubt on the Bank's decision to raise

rates to 7.5 per cent in June. The new data, which has been produced in the wake of two independent reports into the quality of the fig-ures, show wage growth reaching a peak of 5.7 per cent in May 1998 and then falling back to hat 4.5 per cent in November and a provisional figure of 4.2 per cent in December.

Both the Confederation of British Industry and the Trades Union Congress seized on the data as evidence that the Bank's Monetary Policy Committee should make a further rate cut when its monthly meeting concludes today.

However, the City was less convinced that the data would swing the MPC's decision and the pound continned its recovery against the dollar and the curo.

The new pay figures would appear to vindicate the Bank's decision to raise rates last June. The data show that earnings growth was slightly stronger than originally suspected in the first half of last year and far in excess of the growth rate that emerged after the controversial data revisions last October. Martin Weale, director of

the National Institute for

Economic and Social Re-

search, who led the inquiry

into the statistics, yesterday published his report stating that the Office for National Statistics made a number of key mistakes when it originally revised the data series last October. In particular, the sample sizes for financial intermediary companies and the private health sector were far too small, prompting excessive volatility in the overall data. However, the ONS still made the "regretta-ble and surprising" decision to publish the revised data despite Tim Holt, director of the ONS, raising serious doubts about its accuracy.

# Rentokil punished tor failure to hit targets

BY ROBERT COLE CITY CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY £1.5 billion was wiped off the value of the Rentokil Initial, the rat catching and toilet towel business

service group yesterday.

The immediate cause of the stock market dismay was the news that Rentokil, whose chief executive, Sir Clive Thompson, is also President of Confederation of British Industry, failed to meet its long-held target of growing profits by 20 per cent a year.

The company said that the Asian economic crisis coupled with adverse movements in exchange rates to restrict growth in profits to 17.6 per cent. Earnings per share rose by 18.4 per

cent. However, if the impact of currencies is ignored, Rentokil bettered its ambitions. Sir Clive said: "Against the targets we set ourselves this

The self-imposed target has earned fabled status in the City and given Sir Clive the nickname "Mr 20 Per Cent". It was only the second time in 17 years that Rentokil failed to grow profits and earnings

was a failure."

per share by one fifth. The last time was in 1985. Sir Clive said the group remained committed to its growth. targets but said that it was unrealistic to expect the goals would be met year in and year out. He said yesterday that the targets were designed to be a "rallying

"It is no longer a 50-year guarantee that Rentokil will lift profits by 20 per cent a year. But if we achieve the objective 80 per cent of the time we will still be doing pretty

well," Sir Clive said. He added that his pay for 1998 would reflect the less-impressive growth achieved last year. Sir Clive's bonus is linked to growth in earnings per share. "You will see when the annual report is published that my pay has gone down."

He also defended the company's record on payments to suppliers. He said that the criticism Rentokil has attracted for late payment of bills was unfair and he claimed that the company paid its suppliers in an average of 51 days when it is paid by its customers in an average of 52 days. Rentokil's corporate policy

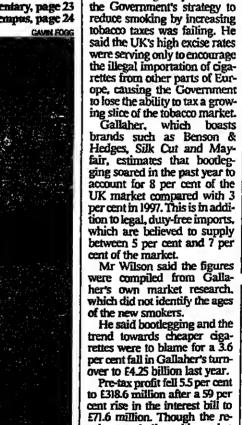
is to pay interest at base rate plus 1 per cent to suppliers who receive payment after the agreed time. Sir Clive said that the policy had been revised to ensure that if Rentokil fails to meet payment commitments to smaller companies with higher costs of borrowing. they would receive greater compensation.

Rentokil, which is renowned for its acquisitive nature, also said that it is prepared to return capital to shareholders. Sir Clive said that if opportunities to acquire or invest in its business do not arise it will either buy back shares, or make special dividend payments, or pursue a policy of paying en-hanced ordinary dividends. For the year to December 31 pre-tax profits were £490 million, up from £417 million. Earnings per share were

12.22p up from 10.32p. Sales grew by only 0.8 per cent to £2.9 billion. Rentokil said it had sacrificed some sales because it decided to increase prices to some customers. Across the group, pre-tax profit margins improved from

Gallaher said it was the first increase recorded for more 14.5 per cent to 16.9 per cent. The total dividend was raised than 20 years and was a direct result of the sharp rise in cheap-20.9 per cent to 3.7p from 3.06p. The final payment is 2.63p. The er, illegal cigarette imports by shares closed down 48p - or organised crime syndicates. 10.7 per cent - at 400%p. Peter Wilson, chairman, claimed the figures proved that

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lost 234p to 44714p. Continued cost-cutting help-

Figures supplied by Gallaher show that a packet of ciga-rettes which sells in the UK for

A Gallaher spokesman said the company had informed the Government of the findings of the research and urged it to lower the tax in return for retaining market control. He said it was unclear whether the Government would continue its strategy of lifting the duty on tobacco each year by

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Sony raises its game with new PlayStation Page 25



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were compiled from Gallaher's own market research. which did not identify the ages of the new smokers. He said bootlegging and the

trend towards cheaper ciga-rettes were to blame for a 3.6 per cent fall in Gallaher's turnover to £4.25 billion last year. Pre-tax profit fell 5.5 per cent to £318.6 million after a 59 per cent rise in the interest bill to

£71.6 million. Though the re-sults were in line with market expectations, Gallaher shares

ed to lift operating margins from 38.6 per cent to 41.6 per cent. A final dividend of 13.7p was declared, taking the year's payout to 20.5p (19.25p).

£3.64 returns tax of £2.88. This compares with France where tax of El.50 is paid on a packet of cigarettes selling for £1.98.

at least 5 per cent more than the inflation rate.

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Frame Relay, voice or any other network services.

#### **BoS** teams up with evangelist

By CAROLINE MERRELL

BANK of Scotland is to launch a joint venture in the US with the Rev Pat Robertson, the TV evangelist and Republican politician who campaigned for the impeachment of President Clinton.

The direct-banking operation is expected to be called the New Foundation Bank. It will have Mr Robertson as its chairman, although Bank of Scotland will hold a majority stake. The new bank will target the 55 million viewers of Mr Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network. Mr Robertson, who has a vast business empire in the US, was earlier this year appoint-ed a non-executive director of Laura Ashley, the UK retailer.

Peter Burt, Bank of Scotland chief executive, said the bank would concentrate initially on attracting deposits, though eventually it could offer credit cards and loans. "We need to see how big an inflow of funds we can get." he said.

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Sir Clive Thompson, who said the company's self-imposed target of 20 per cent annual growth should now be seen as a rallying cry for its employees

# Watchdog criticises loan cover

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

A GOVERNMENT initiative to encourage more homeowners to take out private loan insurance and not rely on state benefits if they fall ill or lose their jobs has come under attack from a leading consumer watchdog just seven days after it was launched.

Walter Merricks, the Insurance Ombudsman, yesterday raised the alarm over the Government's backing for a new form of mortgage payment protec-tion which has given insurers and lenders free rein to set ambitious sales targets but has failed to insist on radical improvements in the way the cover is sold to the public. Mortgage payment protection insur-

Up to 40 per cent of the premiums paid by borrowers go to lenders which has led to accusations that the insurance is frequently being sold to people

who do not need it. Only last year a survey by the Association of British Insurers discovered that many staff at banks and building societies were breaking the industry's code of conduct by not explaining how the policies worked or what items were

ance (MPPI) and other policies de-

signed to protect borrowers from acci-

dent, sickness and unemployment

have become notorious in recent years

for their cost and the complexity of

excluded from the cover. Last week the ABI and Council of Mortgage Lenders sought to redress this by unveiling new minimum standards to which providers of MPPI must adhere in future. Although the new benchmark

should reduce the amount of variation between policies, it says nothing on the issue of cost or selling practice. Despite these inadequacies, the Government has given lenders and insur-

ers the go-ahead to target 55 per cent of new borrowers with the insurance. This has alarmed Mr Merricks. He said yesterday: "There is a sales target but there is no target to to improve compliance with the industry's code of con-

duct, which I find surprising." In his latest annual report Mr Merricks describes the insurance industry

industry.

fundamental grievances.

record on payment protection as "pret-

ty dismal" over the past five years. The issue of compliance has become acute

ever since the Government decided to

replace statutory control of general in-

surance with a form of self-regulation

under the Financial Services Authority.

ance is not the biggest cause of com-plaints to the ombudsman's office -

only 11 per cent of the 3,444 cases last

year centred on loan insurance - Mr

Merricks said that they tended to be

A government spokesman said that

the sales process was an issue for the

Although payment protection insur-

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BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

Dutch court to hear

case against Gucci

BERNARD ARNAULT, chairman of LVMH, will today have his case against Gucci heard in an Amsterdam court. M Ar-

nault alleges that Gucci has illegally created 20 million new

shares through a new employee trust to neutralise the 20 mil-

lion in Guod that he has bought through LVMH. He says

that Gucci, which is listed in Amsterdam, is only allowed to

create such a trust to benefit employees. He believes that this

If M Arnault is successful, he will have a much better chance of winning a vote on March 23, which will decide whether Guc-

ci's board should accommodate an LVMH-nominated director.

Domenico De Sole, chief executive of Gucci, says that such a director would be in a position to steal the company's business secrets and pass them on to M Arnault. As things stand, Gucci's new share trust can cancel out any vote cast by M Arnault at this meeting because both camps have a 25.6 per cent stake.

Banana battle halted

ARBITRATORS from the World Trade Organisation yesterday asked the EU and the US for more information before they rule on the transatlantic banana dispute. The request means that swingeing tariffs that the US had this week been

due to put on EU imports are unlikely to be sanctioned in the WTO, diplomats said. Arbitrators had been due to rule on how much US firms might have lost because of an EU banana regime favouring fruit from former European colonies.

Brazil supports real

BRAZIL intervened in the foreign exchange markets again yesterday to prop up the real as it tumbled to a record low, threatening to throw Latin America's biggest economy deeper into crisis. Traders said that the Brazilian central bank revert-

ed to selling dollars on Tuesday, after a day on the sidelines,

in order to rein in the currency which bottomed out at a record intraday low of 2.22 to the dollar. By midday the real

JERMYN INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, a property compa-

ny listed in London and Dublin, lifted net asset value last

year by 62 per cent to 399.8p, from 247.5p. Jermyn has increased its total dividend to 7p, from 6p, with a final 4.3p. Pretax profits were £3.3 million, up from £1.7 million previously.

Earnings per share were 17.29p (6.26p). The shares rose 281/2p

to 325p in London. Ray Horney, chairman, said lower interest rates were producing signs of increased activity in property.

Zeneca denies sell-off

had inched up to a still-fragile 2.16 to the dollar.

Jermyn lifts value

qualification has not been met.

# NU sets aside £750m to cover annuities

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

NORWICH UNION has set aside a total of £750 million to cover the cost of guaranteed pension annuities sold to customers up to 25 years ago.

The insurance company said yesterday that it had added £375 million to its annuity provisions last year, out of a with-profits fund of £27.5 billion. Successive interest rate

DEEP COALMINING by

Britain's biggest coal producer

became a loss-maker last year

as RJB Mining struggled with

falling prices and high

Deep mines — the core of RJB's business — fell to a £4.8

million loss in the second half of last year and overall pre-tax

profits crashed to \$50 million.

RJB gave warning of more

reductions in use of coal this

year as additional new gas-

fired power stations eat into its

electricity supply market. The profits fell short of City

expectations. Charles Kernot. the leading industry analyst,

who is with Paribas, had forecast £60 million. He said:

There must be some increase

in productivity. The cost of pro-

ducing coal is close to the sell-

RJB shares fell 7p to 62hp. The final dividend, due on

May 24. falls to 4p (10p), mak-ing 7p (20p). Earnings per share slumped to 22.8p (78.3p). Gordon McPhie, finance di-

rector, said that deep mines' profitability had been hit by ge-

ological problems late last

year, but that RJB was trying

to ensure that costs fell by 2 to

production costs.

from £171 million.

falls have forced insurers to set its, premium rate rises were beaside reserves to cover the cost

of paying guaranteed rates. The news came as NU unveiled an II per cent rise in operaong earnings before tax to £716 million, against a pro-forma 1997 figure of £644 million. and an 8 per cent rise in pretax profit to £777 million.

Analysts were cheered by news that on the general insurance side, which accounts for 18 per cent of worldwide prof-

conceded. The company has

just signed an enhanced pay

deal with the Union of Demo-

craric Mineworkers after a

threat of strike action. It is to offer the same deal to the Nat-

ional Union of Mineworkers,

which yesterday declared a

Immediate pit closures are

not vet on the cards, but are

likely if National Power's

regulatory approval for its acquisidon of Midlands Electrici-

ty's supply business and its

For the year to December 31,

its interim results in October.

of the work was done, but final

decisions remained. The com-

pany is under pressure to announce an overseas acquisition to bring about

sale of Drax power station.

ginning to stick. The bulk of NU's UK general insurance portfolio, which saw a small increase in operating earnings before tax to £129 million. is personal motor and house-

The rise in profit was achieved despite the storms and floods of 1998, which cost the group £20 million.

Richard Harvey. chief executive, said NU put

hold business.

We would love to go for someup motor rates by between 5 and 7 per cent last year and thing in the life sector but at the moment the only compahoped to continue the increases in 1999. He said this vindinies available are ones that cated his decision to buy Lonare in trouble. don & Edinburgh Insurance

NU's worldwide life, pensions and investment operations achieved new business growth of 6 per cent in local currency terms, including an 8 per cent growth in the UK and a 9 per cent in local currency in Europe

Operating earnings before

tax of UK life and pensions rose 7 per cent to £486 million (£453 million), and nearly doubled in Europe to £60 million (£32 million). International life business earnings fell to £18 million (£26 million).

Two million NU customers received windfall shares when the insurer demutualised in 1997 with 45 per cent of them still holding the stock.

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#### JLT makes progress in first year after

merger By Gavin Lumsden

JARDINE Lloyd Thompson, the insurance broker formed by the merger of JIB and Lloyd Thompson two years ago, enjoyed a robust first full year in 1998.

Despite weak market conditions, JLT increased pre-tax profits before exceptionals by £7.8 million, to £58.3 million. on turnover up 3 per cent, to £232 million, as it cut back on costs and won new business.

Operating profits before exceptional items rose by 19 per cent, to £54.9 million. Earnings per share leapt by 22 per cent, to 20.7p, from 17p in 1997.

JLT is now London's largest quoted insurance broker after Willis Corroon was sold to KKR, the US buyout specialist, and Sedgwick was sold to the US broking giant Marsh &

Although only ranked fifth in the world, JLT has begun to find favour from many compa-nies that are wary of the heavy dominance of the US brokers Aon and Marsh & McLennan and wish to deal with an independent.

Ken Carter, chief executive, said: "In the last four months, we have won two substantial international accounts and a handful of UK ones, which frankly we wouldn't have had a chance of getting a few years

A 7p final dividend makes a year's total of 12p, against an annualised equivalent in 1997. of 10.8p. The shares rose 12p. to 182p, yesterday.



Group last November, a move

that was criticised by bearish

analysts. The acquired busi-

ness reported a £3 million oper-

ating loss for the year.
Mr Harvey added: "London & Edinburgh satisfies our am-

John Barton, left, Jardine Lloyd Thompson's chairman, and Ken Carter, chief executive

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ZENECA, the pharmaceuticals group that plans to merge with Astra of Sweden, has ruled out the sale of its agrochemicals business. Michael Pragnell, chief executive of Zeneca's agrochemicals arm. told analysts: "There is no intention of selling off the agrochemical business." Agrochemicals made profits of £216 million last year from sales of £1.7 billion. Analysts had suggested that AstraZeneca would sell the business to focus on the more highly rated drugs operation.

#### Mayflower venture

MAYFLOWER, the bus and car group, is forming a joint ven-ture with Freightliner, a US subsidiary of Daimler Chrysler. This will see Mayflower buses sold in America via the distribution network of Freightliner, which makes heavy trucks and school buses. Mayflower has had a negligible presence in the US bus market. A deal should be signed by April and the first buses delivered in October. They will come from Mayflower's UK factories, but will be made in North Carolina eventually.

#### United overhaul ends

UNITED INDUSTRIES, the engineering group, said that it had almost completed its restructuring and expects to reap the full benefits this year. United has spent £4.45 million on the overhaul. Employee numbers have been cut by 20 per cent to about 1,000. Cost savings are estimated at £3.4 million a year. In the year to January 2 pre-tax profits were just £850,000 (£3.6 million). Adjusted earnings per share were 10.14p (8.05p). The final dividend of 2.9p gives a total for the year of 2.9p (2.6p).

#### Somerset homes deal

SOUTH SOMERSET HOMES, a housing association, has raised £116.2 million to buy 8,900 properties from the local council and build 500 more, through a bond issue and a loan organised by Paribas, the French investment bank. The association has launched a £67 million asset-backed issue and raised a further £49.2 million in bank loans from Paribas and Abbey National to finance the purchase of the properties from South Somerset District Council for £69.3 million.

#### **BPP** expresses caution

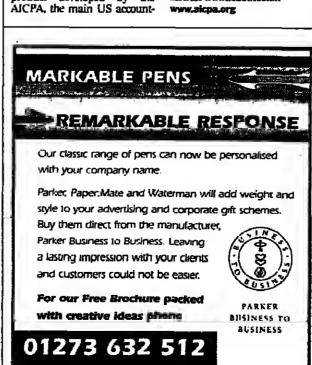
SHARES of BPP, the professional education group, fell by more than 10 per cent yesterday after the company reported results below expectations. For 1998, pre-tax profits rose 8 per cent to £13.1 million with earnings per share rising to 30.7p (28.3p) and the total dividend up 1.25p to 17.25p. Richard Price, chairman, said: "The fields in which we operate are not immune from lower levels of business confidence - we start 1999 with a degree of caudon." The shares fell 55p to 460p.

#### Fairview advances

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FAIRVIEW, the housebuilder that demerged from Hillsdown Holdings last year, criticised local authorities yesterday for the "extornionate payments" demanded for planning con-sents. It called for reform of the current "totally unsatisfactory legislation which is a form of concealed taxation". Fairview re-ported an underlying 10 per cent rise in pre-tax profit for 1998 to £48.1 million and a maiden dividend of 2.75p. It said plan-ning delays would mean lower sales unknown this year. ning delays would mean lower sales volumes this year.



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# Johnson Fry to pay despite loss

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

JOHNSON FRY, the fund manager, is maintaining its final dividend despite a fourfold increase in losses caused by a two-year reconstruction. The final payout remains 2p

a share making an un-changed 4p total, although pre-tax losses rose to £1.2 mil-lion in 1998, from £226,000. Rebecca Thomas, managing

director, said that the figures hid strong underlying growth in fund management, now the company's sole activity. In the

past two years, the company has sold Pinnacle, its housing division, and Healthsave, its medical insurance business.

Ms Thomas said: "The final dividend is uncovered, but we can afford it because we are sitting on £6.3 million of cash, some of which we will be investing in the fund management business."

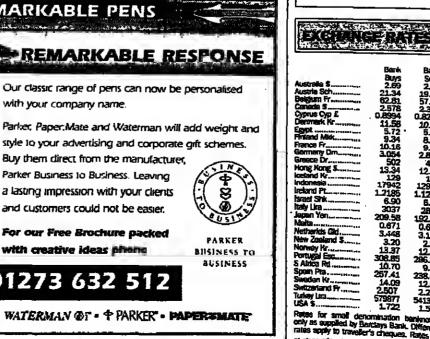
At operating level, continu-ing activides improved from a £1.4 million loss in 1997 to a £169,000 profit. Funds under management rose by 25 per cent to £1.18 billion.

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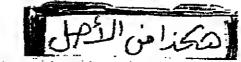
ternet that their transactions are safe (Robert Bruce writes). Britain's three chartered accountancy institutes have joined forces to bring WebTrust. a product developed by the ancy body, to the UK. The service provides a "seal of approval" that appears on a website that has been through rigorous tests to assure customers of its security, privacy and delivery. It is aimed to become the

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Micawber might have advised he who promises shareholders 10 per cent growth and delivers Il per cent is a hero; he who prom-ises 12 per cent and delivers only Il per cent is a failure. It is bad luck that Sir Clive's stippage from his self-imposed target should coincide with his reign as President of the CBL It is not as if the Rentokil chief personally slays the vermin, but there will inevitably be some critics who mutter that Centre Point is proving something of a

ir Clive Thompson is not re-nowned for his tolerance

and understanding so he can hardly complain when his in-

vestors take a stern line. In truth

to have increased earnings by

more than 18 per cent is a remark-

able achievement but, as Mrs

Certainly, Sir Clive is as determined to achieve results at the CBI as he is at Rentokil. Under his leadership, the CBI agenda has demonstrated a new scepticism for the Third Way of doing business. This is, apparently, not responsible for the decision of Adair Turner, the Director-General, to leave at the end of the year: he had long planned to take time off to write a book. But it does leave the CBI hunting for a DG when such animals are much in demand.

The Institute of Directors, the Association of British Insurers, the Engineering Employers Federation and the Society of Motor

# Room at the top for the talented

Manufacturers and Traders all have the headhunters out in search of their equivalents of chief executives. Whatever qualities the organisations are seek-ing, the candidates will have near the top of their considera-tions the identity of the chairman with whom they will have to work. And if Sir Clive is a tough taskmaster to himself, as at Rentokil, then he can be expected

to be no less demanding of those

who work with him. With so many similar roles on offer at once, the organisations will have to use a degree of imagi-nation in finding suitable candi-dates. The IoD's insistence on someone with real business experience to follow on from Tim Melville-Ross may rule out the media-friendly Roth Lea just as it did her predecessor, Ann Robinson, who promptly left to run the National Association of Pension Funds.

Over at the ABI, Mark Boleat may have to postpone his depar-ture date beyond the end of April, so tricky is the search for a replacement proving. Speaking up for the financial services industry may not be everyone's idea of the ideal job. After five years at it, Mr Boleat has decided to bow



**COMMENTARY** by our City Editor

out of trade associations. It may be that there are just too many bodies trying to make their case to Government. The Engineering Employers used to have a role negotiating with trade uni-

ons. Without that, the CBI thought a merger made sense, particularly since the EEF has a healthy dowry. Perhaps the idea should be revived, then at least the number of searches for top talent could be narrowed. The market magic

of short division Share price lagging again? Try new management or dramatic cost-cuting. Fail-

ing that, there is always a spot of financial engineering.

Fans of Allied Domeca, which has spent two pointless generations of management effort refocusing from a drinks and food. company to a drinks and eateries group, are used to despair. The

shares are about a quarter down from last year's peak. Hopes of an imminent demerger have therefore been dredged

up again. No matter that attempts to merge with another spirits business have fallen under the table. No matter that the pubs and restaurants side has just issued a profits warning, not the ideal prelude to a separate quotation; some day, all that potential will be realised. But over in California, demerger is nigh for tetchy investors in Hewlett-Packard. The pioneer that first turned plum orchards into Sili-

con Valley is to split itself in two. Out goes the instrument business that sent the group on its transistorised way. Up go the shares. Freed from the detritus of history, the remaining six sev-enths of the business will be suffused with new energy to expand from computers into highly rated Internet hardware.

Yes, Hewlett-Packard has a problem, too. During two years

in which computer-linked stocks carried all before them, H-P lacked spice and underperformed the Dow, of which it is an honoured but inevitably slightly middle aged constituent.

Hiving off one seventh of your business is not quite the revolu-tion that 3M or AT&T have under-gone. For a \$75 billion (£46 bil-lion) group, however, it is, inevita-bly, a big deal. The instrument group, covering anything from measurement to medicine, is be-ing touted as the biggest public off-ering in Silicon Valley's history. Both this and the main compu-

ter group are mature business in fast-growing industries. For years, annual growth of 20 per cent could be relied on. Of late, it has been harder to come by, as even Rentokil has shown. Computer sales are booming but prices are bombing. Asia's crisis does not help.

H-P keeps making things that change our lives, but the Silicon Valley action is in Internet soft-

ware groups that make little or no profit and a tiny fraction of Big Daddy's \$40 billion sales.

The lesson runs both ways. If ever the Internet stocks attain the operating size that their market values imply, they will be hard-pressed to maintain the pace that their ratings demand.

#### Protection money must be necessary

or the unwary, the pletho-ra of financial products on offer is fraught with danger. Even the Government appears liable to make a dud decision when venturing into the world of mortgages and insurance. The insurance ombudsman was audibly despairing yes-terday. Despite all the warnings he has given on the subject of mortgage-protection policies, along comes HMG and signs on the dotted line.

But, as does occasionally happen, this was not so much a case of mis-selling as mis-buying. The simple proposition that those with mortgages should have insurance cover to ensure that the mortgage payments are met in the event of redundancy, illness

ment. That should not be converted into a Government advertisement for mortgage-protection policies, too many of which are swathed in dangerous small print aimed at eradicating any such protection.

It was the previous Govern-ment that did much of the financial services industry's work for it in mis-selling personal pensions. It would be scandalous if a similar exercise were to be undertaken by the current administration. The ombudsman wants the DTI to take action to ensure that the policies are necessary and effec-tive before it makes them compulsory. That seems a reasonable stance. There is much talk of improving children's understanding of financial services. Perhaps min-

#### isters could sit in on the classes. Fiscal smoke-ring

CHEAP cigarettes from the Continent cost both the Exchequer and UK companies dear. They may also be boosting numbers of smokers. Cut duties to cut out contraband, manufacturers are bound to say. But they must know it is unrealistic. This is one occasion when Gordon Brown should indulge alike his Puritan instincts and his Federal proclivities. He should persuade our EU partners to swap cant for action cigarettes and harmonise their duties and their enforcement efforts upwards.

Continent

a growth

black spot

for CRH

BY CARL MORTISHED

INTERNATIONAL

**BUSINESS EDITOR** 

CRH, the building materials firm based in the Irish Repub-

lic, suffered a growth hiatus in

continental Europe last year

while its Irish and North American profits motored

The acquisitive CRH, which

spent 6604 million (£410 mil-

lion) buying businesses last year, including the UK brick-

maker lbstock, raised its over-

all pre tax profit by 27 per cent

to £409 million in 1998, but re-

turns from mainland Europe

fell 14 per cent to 666 million.

because of wet spring weather in Northern Europe and pric-

Harry Sheridan, CRH fi-

nance director, said that the

company was selling more ce-ment in Poland than in Ire-

land, "Poland has tremendous

growth but pricing does not

match the high level of infla-tion. There is a lot of jockeying

for position among cement pro-

Mr Sheridan said that

CRH's acquisition drive

would continue. "Last year we

had 25 bolt-on acquisitions.

each worth about 68 million.

We would hope for a similar

number this year." CRH is be-lieved to be looking at Scan-

cem, the Nordic building ma-

ing pressures in Poland.

ahead.

# Merger for CDL and M&C Hotels in the pipeline

MILLENNIUM & Copthorne Hotels could be merged with CDL Hotels International, its Hong Konglisted majority shareholder, to form a global four-star ho-Kwek Leng Beng, the Singa-

Alcatel in \$2bn

bid for Xylan

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

pore-based chairman of both companies, admitted yester-tay that combining M&C. which has 24 hotels in Europe and New York, with its 52 per cent shareholder was "one of. the options" he was considering in a bid to boost his hotel

"Ultimately they will either have to work so closely togeth-er as to be considered as one company, or some kind of integrapion will need to be worked 30.6p (25.9p) and a final divi-through to the benefit of both dend of 6.9p makes a total of

ALCATEL, the French tele-

coms group, announced a \$2

billion (£1.25 billion) agreed

cash bid for Xylan Corp, a

US manufacturer of Internet

equipment, whose shares

trade on the Nasdaq market.

The move further reduces

Alcatel's dependence on

former European monopoly

telecoms operators, its tradi-

tional clients, whose shrink-

ing needs prompted a disas-

trous September profit warn-

ing that knocked 40 per cent off the share price in two

Alcatel had been consider-

ing setting up a separately listed US subsidiary but has

Serge Tchuruk, chairman

of Alcatei, said the company

expected to announce another

nisition, worth up to \$300 acquisition, worth up to a million, in remote access.

dropped this plan.

sets of shareholders," he said. The possibility of a merger follows recent moves by CDL to convert some of its hotels in Singapore and New Zealand to the Copthorne brand. Meanwhile, both companies are developing Millennium Hotels and Resorts as an upmarket corporate brand. tively reverse the spinning off of M&C from CDL in 1996, al-

would be retained. M&C yesterday unveiled a sparkling 20 per cent jump in 1998 pre-tax profits to £60.4 million from turnover up 10 per cent at £221.9 million. Earnings per share reached

"We are fishing with a line, not a dragnet." M Tchuruk said, referring to the compa-ny's 1998 acquisitions of DSC

and Packet Engines, the Xy-

lan bid and the pending pur-chase. We are taking a lead

on even our most respectable

Alcatel believes the conver-

gence between voice telepho-

my and data switching will ac-

celerate and it can add Xy-

lan's position in local area

networks (LAN) and Internet

protocol (IP) to its stronghold

to rise to \$450 million in 1999

and to more than \$1 billion in

2000. At that time, Alcatel

would have a 10 per cent mar-

ket share in company data switching, where Xylan now

in telecom switches. Xylan's 1998 sales were \$348 million. This is expected

has 5.6 per cent.

competitors," he added.

though the London listing

10.2p (8.6p). The shares gained

Room occupancy was flat at 79.4 per cent, but a 9 per cent. rise in the average room rate to £89.56 lifted the key yield per available room to £71.11 (£65.42). In London; the yield rose 4 per cent to £73.68 while the provinces were 8 per cent higher at 150 49. The shoragest performance came from New York, where the yield was 12 per cent higher at £110.28.
John Wilson, chief execu-

tive, admitted that trading in the UK had seen "some softening", but the US was "going great guns". He added: "This is by no means a recession sinuation. Revenues in the first two months of 1999 are up year on year and we're looking forward with a degree of confi-

Analysts have expressed concern at the lack of corporate activity but Mr Kwek said he would have no hesitation if the price was right. He hinted that, if necessary, he would consider diluting CDL's shareholding below 50 per cent to secure the right deal. For the time being, however,

the group is considering a number of opportunities in London, New York and Paris and is close to securing a management contract for a further UK hotel. Mr Kwek admitted that, subject to planning consent, he was interested in buying or operating Victoria House, an imposing neo-classical office building in Bloomsbury Square, London, which until last week was shortlisted as a possible borne for the new mayor of London. He also confirmed his interest in buying the Howard Hotel, just along the Thames from the Savoy Hotel, although he implied that the price being asked by the Barclay brothers, who own it, was too high. They are rumoured to be asking at least £40 million for the 153-room hotel.

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# Arriva renews disposal plans

BY FRASER NELSON

BOB DAVIES, the new chief executive of Arriva, has put the company's car leasing division back on the auction block - and hinted that its 97 car dealerships could be next. Mr Davies, nine weeks into

the job, has reversed the decision of Gordon Hodgson, his predecessor, who broke off dis-

By CHRIS AYRES

SHARES in Druid Group, the

IT consultancy, yesterday fell

by nearly 8 per cent, to £14, as

it admitted that parts of the IT

market "may slow slightly" as

companies delay big projects until after 2000. Druid, which employs more

than 600 consultants in the

UK and abroad, gives advice on implementing enterprise

resource planning" software

packages, produced by compa-

nies such as SAP and Baan.

hits Druid shares

posal talks in December at a cost of £700,000. Mr Davies is now onderstood to be planning a break-up of Arriva that would transform the former Cowie Group into a dedicated bus and rail company.

Mr Davies said he should get a better price for the leasing division because end-of-lease cars are fetching better prices in the used car market.

John Pocock, chief executive,

said that if clients delayed big

projects, Druid could easily

adapt to help them to fix ur-

gent millennium problems. "I

myself could sit down in front

of a PC and fix programs in an extreme situation," he said.

Druid lifted pre-tax profits by 68 per cent, to £4 million, in

its half year to December 31,

on sales of £27.8 million, up 94

per cent. Earnings per share

were 12.05p, up 73 per cent. An interim dividend of 1.6p, up from 1.25p, is due on April 23.

sell the car dealerships, he said: "In business, you never say never." Analysts believe that Mr Davies will sell the leasing division for a marginal improvement on the prices that Mr Hodgson rejected. Early suggestions put the range between £180 million and £200 million.

BY CARL MORTISHED

TELECOM ITALIA, the utili-

ty on the receiving end of a £36

billion bid from Olivetti, its

much smaller rival, has lost its

Telecom Italia confirmed

vesterday that Fulvio Conti

had left and would be replaced

by Giovanni Stella, who was

previously with Agip, part of

ENI, the oil and gas company.

December to be the right hand

man to Franco Bernabe, Tele-

Signor Stella was hired in

finance director.

When asked if he would also

As expected, the company an-

nounced the resignation of Sir James McKinnon, non-executive chairman. He will be replaced by Gareth Cooper, the former managing director of Stena UK, the ferry operator. An expected plunge in prof-

its from the leasing division left pre-tax profits at a forecast £94.5 million (£101 million) for 1998. The total dividend rises to 14.2p (13.5p).

com Italia's new chief execu-

tive. Mr Bernabe is a former

The boardroom upheaval is

being seen as part of an effort by Signor Bernabe to get a

grip on the slow-moving bu-

reaucracy of the country's tele-

Signor Bernabe achieved he-

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terials firm that owns Castle Cement, the second-largest UK producer. An auction is under way for CRH's UK-Talk of slowdown | Key director quits based Keyline builder's merchants, expected to fetch almost £200 million. Telecom Italia

ducers."

Profits in the US leapt from €172 million to €246 million, thanks to a buoyant residential market and a sharp increase in federal funding for

In the Irish Republic, cement sales grew 10 per cent, in contrast to Northern Ireland, where a decline in infrastructure spending led to a fall of 10 per cent in sales.

Don Godson, chief executive, said: "We expect further growth in 1999 but at different rates in different markets." CRH is increasing the dividend by 15 per cent to 17.14

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# Investors display caution ahead of rate cut decision

SHARE prices marked time yesterday waiting to see if the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee votes to cut rates for the sixth time in as many months.

Last night the betting was evenly balanced with the latest average earnings figures allowing analysts to argue that there is scope for a reduction. But in the face of such nar-

row odds, investors decided that caution was the best strategy and remained on the sidelines for much of the day. The FTSE 100 index having re-versed an earlier fall of 27 points, eventually closed almost all square, up 0.4 at 6,061.3. The FTSE 250 index rose 18.9 to 5,277.3 in another day of thin trading that saw to-tal turnover reach 967 million.

GEC continued to build up a full head of steam with a rise of 20p to 536p in the wake of its acquisition of Reltec. 5G Securitles, the broker, rates GEC a "buy" while Lehman Brothers. the US securities house, is excited by prospects at Marconi.

Great Universal Stores raced up 26p to 822p with several brokers giving chase, WestLB Panmure was a buyer, while Merrill Lynch has reiterated its "accumulate" recommendation and raised its target price from 825p to 875p.

Marks & Spencer confinued to lose ground dipping back below the 400p level with a fall of 16%p to 395p as more than 18 million shares were traded. Philip Dorgan at WestLB Panmure reckons the shares are worth only 300p.

There was a lukewarm response to results from Norwich Union, whose chief executive is Richard Harvey, although the price did manage to close 5p better at 4511-p. NU managed to outperform its main rivals with both its life and pension and general insurance operations performing reasonably well.

The general insurers were pleased by NU's performance with CGU climbing 43p to 928p, and Royal & SunAlliance 21%p better at 533%p.

Swallow Group, Ip lighter at 290p, the new name for Vaux, was notable by its silence yesterday as the market awaited news of the controversial sale of most of its brewing management leam. The MBO team's four-week exclusivity period expired on Monday and an extension had been ex-



Bracing: Richard Harvey, left and Mike Biggs, finance director, saw shares of Norwich Union rise 5p to 4514p

pected, but analysts believe the estimated E70 million deal is now finely balanced. One said last night: "You have to question whether this deal is going to happen or not."

Elsewhere in the drinks secfor there was a flurry of interest in Allied Domecq, 4p bener at 477p, after a report that it was moving closer to a demerger of its puh and retail interests.

the report, with one observer pointing out that the recent profit warning from its pubs division made a demerger "less rather than more likely.

BTP firmed Ip to 2971/2p as one buyer bought a line of 2.77 million shares at 277p. They were later sold on at 283p. Keep an eye on Azlan, the

However, sources close to the

company poured cold water on

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THE housebuilders have had to contend with a touch of subsidence in recent months. The sector has underper-

formed the market by as much as 30 per cent with the buyers holding off until there is clear evidence of a pick-up in fortunes for the housing market.

Hopes are high that the long-awalted recovery may soon be under way. There was evidence of support yes-terday as Barratt Develop-ments raced up 10%p to 273%p. Beazer Group 13p to

1864p, Berkeley Group 74p to 5724p, Redrow Group 54p to 1784p, Wilson Bowden 40p to 6231:p, and George Wimpey 81:p to 1421:p.

Brokers say the five cuts

in interest rates have helped to underpin sentiment and another cut today would provide a further welcome boost. Next week's Budget may

also offer the housebuilders tor has been oversold but still need some convincing to start buying.

March 2 Total: 31545 Calls: 15229 Pals: 16216

computer network specialist, 5<sub>1</sub> dearer at 63½ p on turnover of al-most 500,000 shares. Barrie Morgans, non-executive chairman, has bought 30,000 shares at 53p. The move has helped fan speculation that a bid may be on the way for the company, which has come up from a low of 33%p since October.

Talk of a large seller doing the rounds left Triad Group 9p down at 56lp. Shield Diagnostics fell 35p to 465p as shareholders began switching into merger partner Axis, the Norwegian pharmaceutical group, which was changing hands at 480p on the Oslo bourse. The merger terms give Axis the upper hand and offer its shareholders a cheap way

PPL Therapeuties was a firm market adding 7p at 961/2p after bullish comments from BT Alex Brown, the broker.

AIM-listed Wynnstay Prop-erties was steady at 135p as Philip Collins, chairman, picked up 25,000 shares at 135p. He now holds 260,303

shares, or 8.25 per cent.
The directors of Perkins Foods, 1%p down at 111p, have been buying shares just a day after the group unveiled final results. Ian Blackburn, chief executive, and Richard Martin, finance director, have between them bought 200,000 shares at prices ranging from 113p to 115p, It takes their total holding to 838,184, or less than I per cent.

Speculative buying lifted Trio Holdings 15p to 10%p. Hopes are high that Nittan Capital will make a full bid for the business after acquiring The Regent Pacific Group's near 30 per cent stake. Hill Hire rose 13p to 14lp after a round of presentations for

fund managers.

GILT-EDGED: Shorterdated issues bounced back after last week's sell-off as hopes grew that the MPC will today sanction another cut in rates. In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt rose 9p to

El16.23 as 29,000 contracts were completed. Among conventional issues. Treasury 7 per cent 2002 put on 18p at £106.47, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2021 finished op cheaper at £145.48. NEW YORK: US shares shot higher in the wake of the Hewlett-Packard demerger an-nouncement. Al midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 85.57 points to 9,410.35.

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Initial concerns base in more serious worries. Yesterday's re-IT IS EASY to blame Rentokil Initial's non-achievement of 20 per cent growth for the walsults showed precious little turnover growth and if Rentokil is to maintain its sparkling loping 10.7 per cent hole cut into the value of growth record it needs help from the top line. the company's share price yesterday. It is The easy pickings from acquisitions, it seems, are becoming harder to find. equally easy to dismiss the reaction as unjustified since if you ignore the adverse effects of

Also upsetting was the big rise in working currency translation Rentokil did meet the tarcapital requirements. Rentokil spent an extra gets. Even after currencies the growth in prof-its and carnings per share was an undeniably £50 million here, and the company was less than convincing in its explanation of why these costs rose. It dents Rentokil's reputation for rigorous operational control. Questions can also be raised about what would happen if Sig Client Theorems of the control of the control of the Client Theorems of the control if Sir Clive Thompson, Rentokil's evangelical chief excecutive, was lured away from the group. Rentokil's wonderful accomplishbenchmarks. Between August and the close of play on Monday Rentokil shares continued to ments over the past 20 years are also Sir

Clive's personal achievement.

The best is behind Rentokil. Reduce.

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nation to make increases in

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ance premiums stick. NU

shares rose yesterday along-side fellow composites CGU

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CGU has greater exposure

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#### Norwich Union

impressive 18 per cent.

Moreover yesterday's disappointment, such

as it was, should have come as no surprise.

Ample warning was given when interim re-

sults, posted last August, failed to meet the

impress, gaining more than 100p and outper-

forming the market average by 15 per cent.

But in truth the stock price collapse finds

um rates, and composites like SINCE flotation in 1997 Nor-NU are again finding favour. wich Union shares have giv-The biggest players are re-porting halved general insur-ance profits for 1998 as severe en plenty to smile about. But the bulk of the share price performance came in the early months. As the chart shows, the stock has disappointed claims. Yet the signals are more recently. In absolute that the worst is over. The pain of falling profits, hopefully, will stiffen the determiterms' the shares retained their value, but relative to the market average NU has underperformed by about 15 per

cent over the past 12 months. However, this could be about to change. In 1998 much of the attention in the insurance sector focused on the life and pensions specialists. Legal & General stock became popular thanks to the domination of life over general insurance. For similar rea-sons the NU acquisition at the end of last year of London

& Edinburgh, a general insur-er, was derided by many. Now the talk is of a revival

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#### Gallaher

DETEST the weed as much as you like, but for an invest-ment, it is difficult to ignore the reliability of tobacco, Gallaher Group, which lists Ben-son & Hedges and Silk Cut among its brands, served up another reminder of these attractions yesterday with annual profit figures.

The headline numbers declined, sure enough. But bebind the S.5 per cent drop in. pre-tax profits and the sharp rise in bootlegging are num-bers that should lure even the more cautious investors.

Gallaher is trading on a prospective earnings multiple of 13, representing a 35 per cent discount to the market wide price/earnings ratio. It also produces a dividend yield of nearly 6 per cent, not far off double the average.

Fears about Gallaher's exposure to potentially costly lit-igation are justified, although they should not be overdone - particularly in light of last Yet while Ladbroke is buying

DOLLAR RATES

week's court ruling, which dismissed the claims of 46 out of 53 plaintiffs. Five of the remaining claims could be time-barred.\*

Some uncertainty is also generated by the rapid rise in bootlegging, which Gallaher believes is now supplying 8 per cent of the UK cigarette market and could well go

But these negatives should not overshadow the fundamental financials, even after remembering that the tobacco industry will always trade at a discount to the market. Buy.

M&C Hotels
MILLENNIUM & Copthorne Hotels is a class act and despite the travails of the sector last year, its quality has shone throughout its three-year quoted life.

Despite some softening in the UK, it is still squeezing more profit out of its hotels than almost anybody else. Stakis at a multiple of 14 omes EBITDA, M&C is cur-rently valued at just ten times EBITDA. This despite hav-ing a higher-quality portfolio with an international spread.

There are moves afoot to Improve its food and beverage offering by introducing some fashionable Far Eastern concepts, while Granada has been brought in to run its health and fitness facilities. One of Millennium's few problems is the brand, which has little customer recognition. M&C know this, and ac-

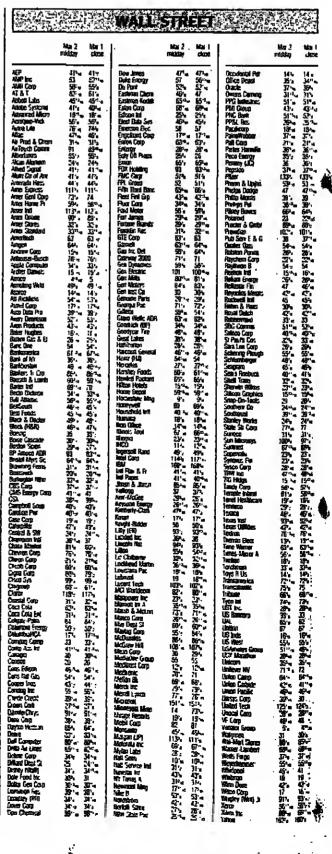
tion is being taken. Expansion projects at three of its biggest hotels should ensure healthy earnings growth this year. Acquisitions should drive momentum but even if Mr Kwek, the controlling shareholder, does not sanction purhases, he may ultimately sell his stake to one of the many prospective bidders who approach him on an al-

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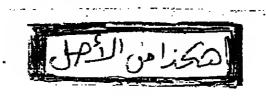


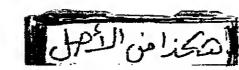
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T o one was more surprised than I when, after I wrote a polemic on the use and abuse of the earnings statistics in these columns at the end of last July, there was a blow-up about the actual data. The official series was withdrawn and an inquiry

Yesterday the new figures were presented by Patricia Hewitt, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, supported by Mervyn King, the Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, Sir Andrew Turnbull, Permanent Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of the Office of National Statistics. Two distinguished academics produced impressive reports on What Went

Wrong and how to put it right. The two reports, one by Professor Chambers of Southampton University and the other by Martin Wheale, Director of the National institute for Economic Research, are in my opinion technical classics. But, oh, what a tangled web the establishment weaves when it wants us to be confused. Why are the earnings statistics

# We're no nearer to truth on earnings

If profit-related bonuses are not taken out, the numbers are meaningless, writes Robin Marris

so important? There are two closely linked but actually distinct reasons. If earnings are growing at, say 5 per cent per annum, productivity is growing at, say, 2 per cent, and profit margins happen to be constant, forecast inflation can only be 3 per cent.

For the Monetary Policy Committee, given its inflation target of 25 per cent, this would be bad news: members must raise the interest rate. But suppose earnings are actually growing one point more slowly, then forecast inflation is below the target, and, according to the rules laid down by Gordon Brown as now interpreted by the MPC, interest rates should be reduced. In other words, a very small difference in the statistical interpretation has, in theory, a very large effect on policy.

The second reason is connected with the fact that the MPC appears to believe in the operational validity of the so-called Natural Rate of Unemployment. This is a proxy for a state in the labour market where the feedback of prices on wages produces not necessarily a high rate of inflation but definitely an

accelerating rate of inflation.

It is a mathematically impeccable proposition but for theoretical and practical reasons it has proved impossible to measure the actual unemployment rate which, at any one time, would up the economy into actually accelerating inflation. Consequently, the only way to forecast whether inflation is accelerating or decelerating is to try and estimate whether current earnings are accelerating. Early this year the

MPC clearly implied it believed both these factors were at work. So there were two questions dommating policy in this country in the early spring of 1998. Were earnings rising unhealthily fast? Were they accelerating? Yesterday Mervyn King said the new and old figures gave much the same impression on that topic and that his committee had never placed great emphasis on the earnings figures in their poli-

cy decisions at that time. So where do we stand now? The answer is that on a quite crucial point the new reports still lead to misleading interpretations. Let me repeat the problem. If profit-related bonuses are not taken out, the numbers are worse than meaningless. As a result of a brilliant investigation by Martin Dicks, of Leh-

ic Research Report, September 3. 1998), we now know that the dominating factor in bonus payments towards the end of any financial year is the level of profits earned in the previous financial year. The general effect is an erratic blip in the total earnings series, mostly occurring in March, a smaller amount in December and July.

There are two implications of Martin Dicks's discoveries. First, that no simply "univariate" method of deseasonalisation (ie one which, for example, does not take account of the actual movements of profits) can cope with the resulting problem. Secondly, nor does presenting the data on a year-onyear basis do any better. The only thing to do is to remove

the bonuses directly. In the past the Office of National Statistics has not published a "purged" series, but by last summer they were giving useful information on which one could make estimates. This I did in my July article. From the result I conduded that "regular" non-bonus earnings were not accelerating.

So what has been done about bonuses in the Turnbull Report? Answer: relegated to page 83, given three lines and a small table. The new purged figures consistently show an absolute rate of earnings inflation just over half a point lower than the old figures. I cannot understand how Mervyn King could argue that this is not significant.

On the question of acceleration in early 1998, the new figures actually give more support to the MPC than

the old. Should a reasonable person looking at either the new or the old bonus-purged series, have reasonably feared that earnings were set to rise above the 5 per cent mark? But most people were not looking at a purged series, because none, other than mine, at that time existed.

The new unpurged series surely gives the answer "yes". That is economically deeply misleading because it is very questionable whether bonuses based on profits enter directly

into labour costs at all. After May 1998 the purged series significantly decelerates and the unpurged series exaggerates this result. The MPC bases its actions on forecasts. Did they forecast the deceleration? It would be nice for them to be able to reply that the deceleration which actually occurred was due to their hawkish rates policy. But the timing is rather close, is it not?

□ Robin Marris is emeritus professor of economics at Birkbeck

# And lo, God and Mammon created born-again banking

When a Scottish

bank meets a US evangelist,

the potential is

huge, writes

Caroline Merrell

od may have had a hand in the fortuitous meeting between Pat Robertson, the American television evangelist, and William Hendry, the head of Bank of Scotland's American division, but both parties can spot the financial potential of marrying Mammon to a huge market bonded by religion.

Their introduction in New York last year spawned plans for the New Foundation Bank, a joint venture between the Scottish bank and Robertson Financial Services, a division of the former presidential candidate's multi-billion dollar. husiness empire.

The new bank is expected to get US regulatory approval in tive to six months' time. It will be chaired by Mr Robertson but will be majority-owned by Bank of Scotland.

In structure, the link-up will resemble the joint initiative between Bank of Scotland and Sainsbury's. However, whereas Sainsbury's Bank has access to the supermarket's 20 million customers, the New Foundation Bank's target audience will be the 55 million viewers of Mr Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network.

As one analyst put it: "The potential is huge." Sainsbury's Bank now has one million customers. £1.7 billion on deposit, and £700 million committed to personal loans, mortgages and cards. The bank is expected to move into profit next year, after start-up losses total-

ling £30 million. Peter Burt, Bank of Scot-land's chief executive, is acutely aware of the problems of launching a direct banking operation in the US, where the market for telephone banking is less developed than in the UK. "It would be my nightmare to get five million customers in the first week," he said. He pointed to the problems



Pat Kobenson, pictured right with presidential candidate Bob Dole, could bring 55 million 1V viewers to the new bank

of the Christian Coalition, as much a busi-

Mr Robertson has a wide array of busi-

ness interests, controlled and sometimes

headed by family members. The Robert-

sons own a refinery in California and com-

panies in Africa and China. Most recently

Mr Robertson was appointed to the board

of Laura Ashley in the UK as a non-execu-

tive director. He also controlled Interna-

tional Family Entertainment, a cable tele-

vision company he founded that was sold to The News Corporation, parent compa-ny of The Times, for \$1.7 billion (El billion). His personal forume has allowed Mr Rob-

ertson to remain a fixture in US politics far

ness as it is a political lobby group.

faced by Egg. Prodential's direct banking subsidiary. Its launch, backed by a high-profile TV ad campaign, was so successful that applicants had to wait for up to three weeks

for the mailing pack.

Mr Burt said: "We are going to tread very carefully, with a phased, low-key entry into the market. We want to see how big the inflow is going to be."

THE Reverend Pat Robertson could be

described as a media pioneer, educator,

philanthropist and religious broadcaster.

However, this is only a small part of the

unique role he plays in US culture and poli-

ties. After an unsuccessful bid to be elected

as the Republican Party's presidential can-

didate in 1988, he carved out a niche as po-

litical commentator from his weekly televis-nal pulpit on the 700 Club programme, where he preaches Christian fundamental-ism and chastises President Clinton.

For 20 years Mr Robertson has been

one of the strongest voices of ultra-

conservatism in America, a position be

has expanded and fortified as chairman

up costs of the new bank to reach around \$30 million in the first year. "Spending £100 million on launching the new bank would be unacceptable to Bank of Scotland's shareholders," he said.

Initially, the new bank will offer deposit accounts. Eventually, it will add credit cards and mortgages, both of which will be more profitable. Rob Down, banking analyst Ideally, he wants the start-

at ABN Amro, said the downside of the joint venture was limited, whereas the potential was huge. "If they get five mil-lion customers over four years, then they are effectively doubling their customer base. The TV network probably has around 15 to 20 million regular viewers." He pointed out that

many of these viewers would

be interested in taking out a

credit card, for example,

where each transaction resulted in a payment to charity.

In the UK, the last 18 months have seen the launch of four new direct banking operations, on top of the telephone banking services of-fered by First Direct, Lloyds TSB, Direct Line. Natwest,

Despite entering what ap-

beyond the normal shelf-life of an unelected

campaigner. His biggest fight recently has

Mr Robertson was one of the first mainstream commentators calling for im-peachment. He was forced to recast his

view when he realised that impeaching

the President could hurt the Republican

cause. Mr Robertson himself is not above

all types of "moral degeneracy". Last year, the Christian Broadcasting Net-

work agreed to make a "substantial pay-ment" to the Internal Revenue Service.

The taxman had conducted an investiga-

tion into improper political activities dur-

ing Mr Robertson's presidential bid.

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Sainsbury's and Tesco.

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gree of success in attracting customers from the high street banks. By cutting out expen-sive branch networks, telephone banks can offer better savings rates. The new entrants have be gun to make substantial in-

from Prudential, Virgin, Standard Life and Scottish

Widows have all had some de-

roads into the high street banks' customer base. Some existing banks have simply de-cided not to compete with the new entrants. Abbey National, the former building society, for instance, admitted earlier this month that it could not compete on price. It is hoping to rely on customer mertia to maintain its market share.

Prudential's Egg has had almost unprecedented success in mopping up customer deposits from those dissatisfied with the low interest rates from the traditional players. It now has £3 billion of deposits from 250,000 customers. Standard Life has 200,000 customers

with £2.25 billion on deposit. One analyst, however, pointed out that the impact of direct banking on the traditional banks could well be overegged. He said that many of the new players were losing money on their banking opera tions. Consumers would simply switch their money away from the new entrants if their

rates became less competitive. The analyst also questioned whether customers would be keen to buy other, more profitable products from the new entrants. "I can see why someone would leave their money on deposit with Sainsbury's, but I cannot see many people actually buying a mortgage from their supermarket."

ank of Scotland may also find that its link with Mr Robertson ruffles a few feathers in the UK. Mr Burt was keen to play down the religious link of the new venture, but custom-

ers may take a different view. One hitherto loval custom er, Alex Catalano, a journalist, said she would be switching her account elsewhere: "I disagree with Mr Robertson's philosophy and religion. I do not want to contribute to his profits. I have been a Bank of Scotland customer for 10 years. I do not want to be part of this particular combination of God and Mammon."

# Sony takes the game to higher level

ony, the Japanese enter-Stainment group, yester-day threw down the gauntlet to the likes of Intel and Microsoft in the battle over who will deliver the next generation of computerised entertainment.

The group announced it was launching a new games console, provisionally titled Play-Station II, which will go on sale in Japan within a year and in the US and Europe before Christmas 2000. It is a follow-up to PlayStation, the world's most successful consumer electronic product, which has recently sold its 50 millionth unit. Including games, in the region of £20 biltion has been spent on the

product. Though initially it will be a direct challenge to Sega's Dreamcast, which has sold more than 500,000 units since it was launched in Japan last autumn. Sony yesterday signalled that it was setting its sights much higher with the new PlayStation.

The next generation of Play-Station should be a challenge to Intel and Microsoft," said Nobuyuki Idei, the president of Sony. "PlayStation can be a catalyst for creating a new entertainment business." Sony is already one of the

most integrated entertainment companies in the world, owning a film studio and a music company as well as making televisions, videos, hi-fis, computer games and games ma-

Sony's high hopes for the system are largely because of its use of the Emotion Engine computer processor, developed by Sony and Toshiba, the Japanese technology group, at

a cost of about Y20 billion (£100 million).

The Emotion Engine is three times more powerful than the Pentium III, the microprocessor launched recently by intel. It should enable the PlayStation to have cinemaquality computer graphics.

The new system will also feature the latest DVD technology - which is starting to replace CD-Rom and video for storing information and showing films in the home - as well as a digital music system and Internet connectivity. Many expect the new Play-Station to become the 'box in the corner system designed to deliver all a household's electronic entertainment needs.

Sony, though, is keen not to oversell it at this stage. Ken Kataragi, executive vice-president of Sony Computer Entertainment, said that, while you could play movies or music on the new PlayStation, he did not expect it to replace existing systems. The aim was to develop a new type of entertainment in the home, not to re-

place existing products. The link with Toshiba is also seen as significant, as it has experience in home and laptop computers, an area where Sony does not operate at the moment.

The exact launch date for the new PlayStadon depends on how fast games can be developed for it. Sony released the detailed technical specifications to games makers only yesterday and, on average, it takes a year to develop a computer game.

> JASON NISSĖ in Tokyo

# Fed end

ALAN GREENSPAN may be the world's most highly regarded central banker, but in America bets are already being placed on the identity of his most likely successor.

Greenspan's third term as Federal Reserve chairman runs out in June 2000, weeks before the next US Presidential elections. That battle is likely to be fought between Al Gore, the current Vice-President, and George Bush Jr. the Governor of Texas.

Both men are said to be unsympathetic towards Greenspan, who has



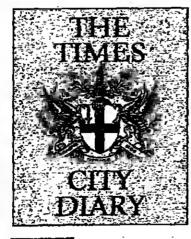
"More champagne?"

presided over an unprecedented period of employment growth and low in-flation since 1987. Gore did not take kindly to Greenspan's contemptuous dismissal of President Clinton's proposal to plough social security funds into the stock market. Bush Jr is said to share his father's grudge against Greenspan over the 1991 mini-recession which contributed to President Bush being voted out of office. Should Gore be elected, current ad-

ministration officials like Robert Rubin, the Treasury Secretary, and Lawrence Summers, his deputy, may be frontrunners. The most highly regarded internal Fed candidate, is William McDonough, the New York Fed head who supervised the successful bail-out of Long Term Capital Management last year. Mr Bush Jr is said to favour Lawrence Lindsey, a former Fed governor.

SOME anitudes may be changing in South Africa, but it seems that others are proving a little more ensconced. Brian Gilberston, chairman of Billiton, the South African mining group, gave us a cultural insight when announcing that his company had spent \$1.5 billion (£937 million)

on acquisitions in six months. "Even my wife doesn't spend at that rate," Mr Gilbertson quipped in an attempt to illustrate his point.



#### Times table

THERE is unease in the genteel world of antiques. A tale reaches me from the Cotswolds about an estate agent who was called to appraise and sell a cottage while a fine art auctioneer sold its contents.

The cottage was valued at about £80,000 and sold for £85,000. The contents included an 18th century table with an estimated value of up to £6,000. After much viewing and deliberating by dealers it sold to the Lon-don trade for £85,000, the same price as the cottage.

The estate agency fee for the sale of the property was about £2,000. The sale of the table made a profit of £26,000 for the auctioneer. One further thought. Until the hantmer fell, had the table been lost or stolen, the beneficiaries would have received only £5,000 in compensation. Yet the insurance fee they paid after the auction was £850 plus VAT, based on the £85,000 hammer price.

Sell program

KEVIN LOMAX, head anorak at Misys, the software group, has spent several months trying to convince the City that shares in his company are worth buying. He even flew a gaggle of senior IT analysts out to the company's offices in the US last month to convince them that its Medic division - which recently announced a stunning strategic U-turn - was not in trouble.

The charm offensive worked: a note from Albert E Sharp landed on my desk yesterday morning telling me that "the US visit provided reassurance" and that Misys was "a core sector hold". Strange, then, that Lomax and his

wife decided yesterday to sell nearly [1.3 million of shares in Misys (leaving our Kev with a stake worth a mere £55 million). "He's buying a house in London," a friend of the multimillionaire tells me. "It has nothing to do with his confidence in the company."

No smoke . . . TO GALLAHERS for the tobacco company's annual financial results briefing, where City hacks tut-tutted as chairman Peter Wilson lit up mid-

way through his presentation, and enjoyed not one, but two cigarettes. Yet when invited to help themselves to the impressive product display, assembled guests made light work of the cartons of Bensons & Hedges and Silk Cuts. Purely for the purposes of research, you understand.

PETER BURT, Bank of Scotland chief executive, was alert to the sensitivities of linking up with the often controver-sial Pat Robertson. He was keen to emphasis Mr Robertson's Scottish ancestors, claiming that Mr Robertson was a charismatic, charming man. "He is not in the mould of John Knox" - a preacher better known for his views on hell and damnation.



Lomax said "buy", but sold

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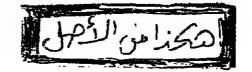
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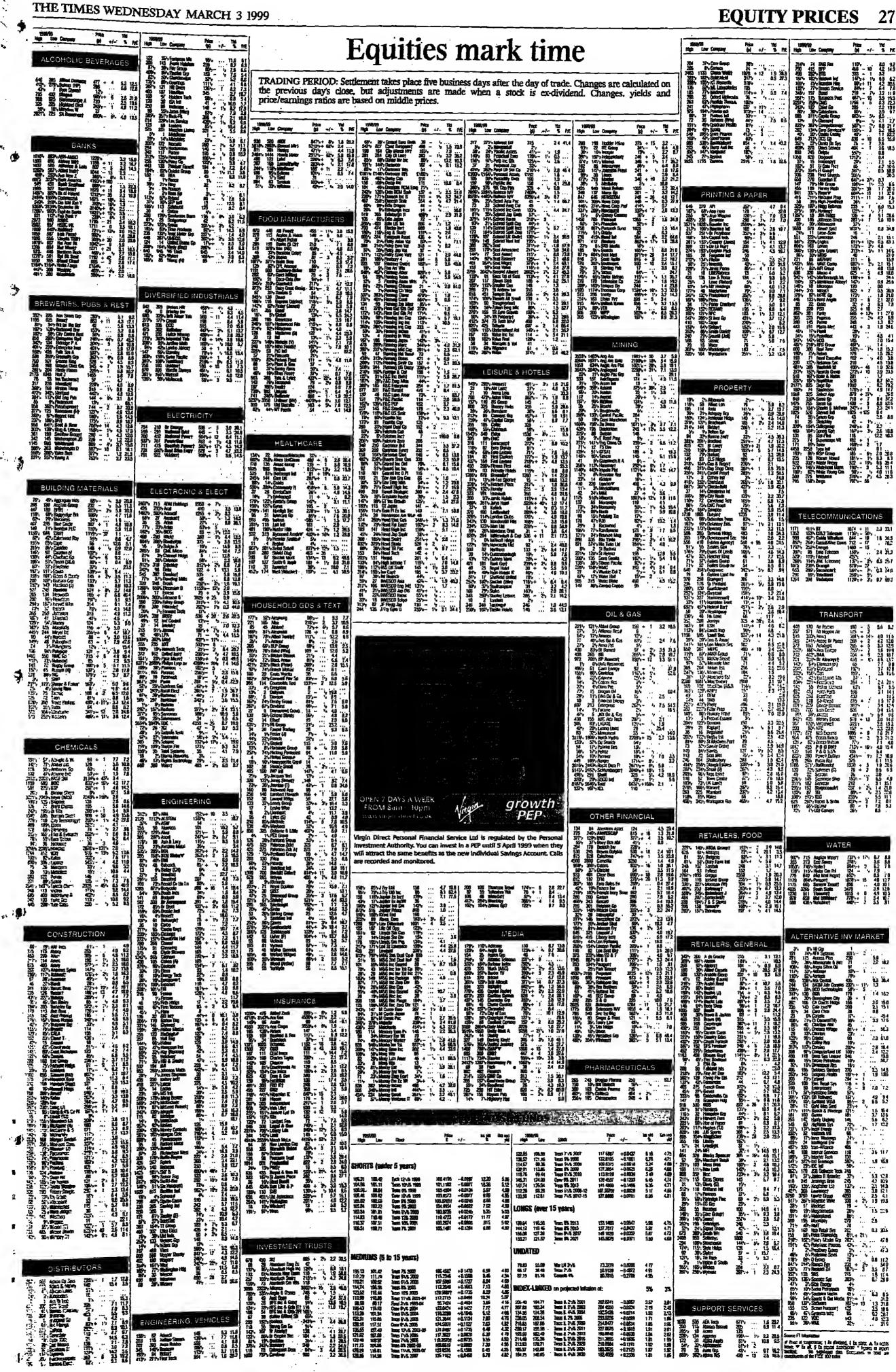
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# Energy to make DuBois blanch

Token Robert Frost wryly re-flects on that moment when we are hit by the realisation that you can't have it all: that opportunity also means renunciation, that choice means loss. Frost died in 1963, so we can forgive his falla-cy — for at that time Andre Previn

was a mere Hollywood tunesmith. Mere? He had already won four Oscars and provided the requisite aural backcloth of swooping strings to everyone from Audrey Hepburn to Lassie. But there was little inkling then that this engaging thirtysomething would turn into one of the musical world's great Protean figures: conductor laureate to the world's top orchestras; plausible jazz pianist; televi-sion personality; Sixties swinger; husband to four wives, father to nine children.

The road not taken? Rubbish, Mr Frost. Previn has taken them all and then some. No second acts in American lives? Piffle, Mr Fitzgerald. Previn has had second, third and fourth acts - and the fat lady ain't singing yet. If anything, the tempo of his work and life is in-creasing from its normal "frenetic" to "blistering" as he approaches his 70th birthday next month.

Or is it his 70th? When his family fled from Berlin to California in 1938, linle Andreas's birth certificate was lost. So he might still be a year short of his three score years and ten. "But frankly," he quips. "when you get to this age it doesn't really matter whether you are 69 or 70. So if it suits the London Symphony Orchestra's schedule for me to be 70 this year, fine."

Aren't these milestones important? "Sure, but not because of vanity. It's just that I've got a lot of things I still want to do. I don't wish to sound grandiose, but you only get one time around, so you'd better do what you know you should."

He is indeed a man in a hurry. but in the past decade he has been

André Previn's appetite for music and life seems unflagging as he celebrates his 70th birthday. He talks to Richard Morrison

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rushing in an unexpected direction: into serious composition. It is as if - after the factory-farmed music-making of MGM, the mad jet-setting of his early podium career ("for 20 years I conducted in cities you can't even find on the map", and the emotional toll of loving and leaving four wives, two of them very famous - he is now distilling life's twists and turns, sweet and sour, into big musi-

None has come bigger than last year's project. Previn wrote an epic operaric setting of Tennessee Williams's A Streetcar Named Desire, complete with rape (turbulent orchestral interlude; discreet stage blackout), luscious arias, and some startlingly angry music. "A lot of people thought that it would be relentless-American," Previn says, "It isn't. In fact one

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musical friend said: 'My God, you are a German after all'. But the big arias do tend to go back to Barber and to Britten - my biggest hero."

Perhaps because the opera's San Francisco premiere last September became the most hyped American operatic occasion since Toscanini conducted at the Met, and perhaps because of who the composer was, some critics were more than a little sniffy about this unimpeachably well-crafted piece. "I understand that; it's normal," Previn says, affecting mature indifference. But then his combative spirit rises to the bait. "I noticed that when Streetcor was shown on television last month, at least a dozen critics reviewed it again and more or less said 'this is a lot better than we gave it credit for'. That made me very happy. I mean, even Renée Fleming got bad reviews at the pre-

miere, which was insane. She was glorious as Blanche DuBois." Either way, this Streetcor is destined to travel, thanks to the Previn name and his reputation for writing music that audiences (rather

than critics) enjoy. He says that no fewer You only than seven stagings are planned across America and Europe. including a possible British premiere by Opera North. Thus entime round couraged, he is now working on his second — and I've opera, setting a recent Italian novella called Silk, by Alessandro Baricco. "It's the antithesis of Streetcar. still to do? very romantic, almost erotic, about the trav-

els of a French silk

merchant to Japan. That's not all. Previn is also composing a big work for the Vienna Philharmonic, plus various cham-ber pieces. "If I am allowed by the calender and its vagaries, I will complete them one after the other." he says, as if viewing a pile of knit-

ting patterns.
Will all this composing interfere with his other lives? Silly question.
The LSO's Previn tribute next week - three concerts focused on the ripe Romantic music that he interprets so gloriously - signal his resolve to keep his public life spinning as merrily as ever. And the jamboree is bound to rekindle nostalgia for Previn's II years at the LSO's helm in the Seventies - a decade when,

largely thanks to his charismatic Music Nights on BBC TV, the orchestra became a household name.

There's no such thing as serious music on television now," says Previn sadly. "It always has to have a gimmick. That's too bad. When I did those BBC shows - and we must have done a hundred hours or more - it became tougher to get a ticket to an LSO concert than to a

hit West End show." The indifference of television networks to serious music is not the only change that Previn, knighted in 1996, notes with regret when he returns to London. Another is the financial mess of British musical life. But surely twas ever thus?

"Not to the degree that it is now." he replies. "Sure, we had to chase funding. We also suffered from government indifference. But it was still possible to make ends meet without sacrificing artistic goals. When I see the things that British orchestras now have to resort to. and the crazy goings on at Covenl Garden, I am so sorry. You see, when I came to live in England in the late Sixties, I thought that London was the greatest musical city in the world - and it was.

"It's still a great musical city, but no longer as important. And that's a shame, because the orchestras are still brilliant. I don't know anywhere in Europe, and certainly not in the States, where the plight of the individual musician is as bad as it is here. And yet British players are endlessly cheerful. Sure, it's black humour. But come the night of performance, they really produce the goods. They can give phenomenal performances that rank with the best anywhere. That's why I still love coming to London."

At the Barbican (0171-638 8891) Previn gives o recital with Kiri Te Konowa on Sunday, and conducts the LSO on Morch 10 and 15. His opera. A Streetcar Named Desire. is released by DG (459 366-2)



Previn: now embarked on writing his second opera after the premiere of Streetear in San Francisco

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# Weir's showboat to China

he success of A Night at the Chinese Opera on its first performance at the Chekenham Festival in 1987 has not been an unmixed blessing for Judith Weir. On the one hand, the opera established her reputation more or less overnight and led to hig commissions and appointments; on the other hand, it set standards she has been expected at least to equal in eve-

ry new work since. So anyone who feels that nothing she has written dur-ing the past II years comes near to matching it, let alone excelling it, must have won-dered whether A Night at the Chinese Opera was really ail that good. Were we deluded perhaps by Richard Jones's brilliant Kent Opera produc-

Giving it some stick

LSO/Maazel Barbican:

IN TWO concerts with the London Symphony Orchestra in the middle of last week. Lorin Maazel demonstrated his abilides as composer, violinis) and conductor. Renaissance man or showman, there is no denying his formidable talents. On Sunday night, he returned to the rostrum with more serious intent. The showmanship was not banished entirely, but these were towering, deeply impressive accounts of Schubert's Unfinished and Bruck-

ner's Seventh Symphonies. In the Unfinished, dynamics were calibrated with excepnonal precision to build paragraphs of cumulative tension and power. Ranging from intimate whispers to climaxes of searing intensity. Maazel's handling of the first movement did justice to all the dark undercurrents, the anxieries at which this music hints. At the same time, both here and in the Andante, he allowed the strings of the LSO to revel in ripe sonorities: no quarter given to historical practice here. Bruckner's Seventh opens

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tion? Well, the best way of finding out was to go to the concert performance presented by the BBC as part of its Beyond our Shores festival in Glasgow last week.

The answer is that we were not deluded. It is an uncommonly inspired little opera and one of the very few Britisb works of its kind to be animated by a true gift for comedy in musical terms. In comparison with the embarrassingly laborious efforts of even her most experienced contem-

with a propioous horn theme, gloriously arching upward. As that theme unfolded and grandiloquently expanded. Maazel nailed his colours to the mast. It was clear this was going to be no mere jog through the work. But was n too soon for such an exhibarating effect? In fact. Maazel was able to conjure a coda of similarly apocalyptic power, so the movement

rested on firm pillars. Between them were some questionable things. The second subject (marked "calm") shot off at double speed on each occurrence, except on its return in inverted form in the development, where its minorkey eloquence impeded the flow. I also felt, or imagined, a sense of manipulation as Maazel made an exaggerated ral-lentando before the onset of that awesome coda.

inevitably, the exhibitionist in Maazel leads him to include the controversial cymbal crash and triangle roll at the climax of the Adagio (reinforced with histrionic gesturing). The choice is a legitimate one, nevertheless, and endrely apt in the context of such an interpretarion. No need to cavil anyway when the nobility of this monumental movement. with its elegiac tribute to the deceased Wagner, is so magnificently realised.

A steadily paced, sinewy Scherzo followed, and then a well-paced, triumphal finale. If only Maazel could always deliver like this

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poraries. Weir's libretto is a model of wit and her score a remarkable example of facility in word setting.
If only the Scottish Cham-

ber Orchestra's programme had contained the text, the bemused half of the otherwise amused audience in the Royal Concert Hail would have been able to appreciate it too. This is no reflection on the singing or on the balance between instruments and voices. No ooe could have tried harder than this well chosen cast. Frances Lynch, as the protagonist in the Chinese opera-within-the-opera, perhaps went even too far in this respect. Michael Chance as the Military Governor got it absolute-ly right, as did the impressively versatile Adey Grummet,

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and Gwion Thomas. Andrew Parrott, who conducted the original production, clearly enjoys this score. Certainly, he secured a most accomplished performance from the SCO players, who were effective not only in reflecting the affectionate parody of the Chinese-opera Act II but also in registering the discreetly exotic colouring of the first. If the last act seemed less interesting, this probably had less to do with the performance than with a score which, becoming more conventional as the dramatic situation becomes more serious, falls

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away towards the end:

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament RICHARD FAIRHURST

Profession: Jazz pianist Age: 23

Beginnings: Born in Clatter-bridge, near Wirral; moved to Leicester at 11.

Any albums yet? Yes, his sec-ond. Formic, has just been re-leased by the innovative Babel company. His first won a prize at the Perrier Jazz Awards. He has also been named as a Steinway artist.

So none of those new-langled synthesizers? "I'm really getting into electronics too, especially after hearing what Joe Za-winul does with them. You

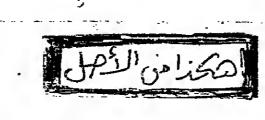
have to find your own way of taking jazz forward. It's not all about copying what was done in the 1960s."

Where can we hear him? His group, the Hungry Ants, appears at the Crucible, Sheffield on Friday. Later next month-he'll also play solo piano in Toke the Fire at the Lyric Studio, Hammersmith. Huw Warren's newly commissioned score accompanies Jean Cocteau's monologues, performed by Arnanda Harris (and originally witten for Edith Piat).

When did he get the jazz bug? Miles Davis's album Kina. of Blue was a formative experience. "None of my friends at school was into jazz, so I was kind of on my own.

Does he hope to conquer New York's clubs one day? He's already done a stint in Manhattan, studying at the prestigious New School. "New York has all that great history and tradition. But I prefer the European scene because it's more varied. We have a lot more influences from Africa and Asia. And there are more possibilities for exploring composed ransic, which is something that really appeals to me

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# The horrors beyond Guernica

art showed little baric pugilistic bours.
Occasionally, tenderness litical events. Then, quite suddenly, the Spanish War erupted. Picasso watched it develop with a mounting sense of revulsion. An instinctive pacifist, he was especially horrified when Franco's forces made the small Basque town of Guernica a target for saturation bombing.

At that moment, in the early summer of 1937, Picasso's work underwent a convulsive change. A commission from Spain's Republican Government to produce a monumenal painting for the Spanish Pavilion at a Paris exhibition pitched him into an art of protest, violence and pain. An avalanche of images concentrating on weeping women and contorted, dying animals pre-pared him for the execution of Guernica itself. Suffering, conveyed in ever more jagged and fractured forms, became his overwhelming obsession.

This is the dramatic starting-point for Picasso and the War Years, a major exhibition filling the spirals of the Guggenheim Museum in New York with a vortex of wrenching emotions. Walking up the ramps of Frank Lloyd Wright's whirling interior we. find ourselves drawn into a world besieged by terrors. The completion of Guernica was not a catharsis that purged Picasso of the need to express anguish. Far from it he embarked now on exploring a world that grew darker as world war approached. His grimmest forebodings

were borne out when Germany overran France with ruthless speed. Marooned on the coast near Bordeaux, he decided to abandon thoughts of escape and return to occupied Paris. The city remained his home throughout the conflict, and must often have appeared as irksome as a prison cell. so produced there exude a strong feeling of entrapment. Still life became an obsession, and he grew supremely conscious of its significance as a memento mori. In one gruesome canvas, paimed in 1941 when Picasso was 60, a blood sausage lies coiled like an intestine on a table-top. The blade of a knife gleams expectandy amid the gloom, and the cutlery jammed in a nearby drawer rises up as if in agitated anticipation of sacrifical ritual to come. The painting is drained of all colour save

black, grey and white. Austerity became the keynote of his war pictures, cou-pled with an emphasis on frac-tured harstmess. A skull frequently invades these black interiors, and in one case takes the form of an ominous bronze sculpture isolated on its plinth. As for the women who so often loom out from the shadows, they look as oppressed as the inanimate objects. Picasso is ready to take appalling liberties with their features, twisting or pummelling eyes, noses and mouths until they end up

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breaks through the bleakness. and we sense Picasso's love for the two women who shared his volcanic affections: the young Marie-Therese Walter and the older, more intellectual and embittered Dora Maar. On the whole, though, it is impossible to disentangle Picasso's feelings about the priva-tions and tensions of war from his tormented response to the women he painted. They both form part of his attempt to survive an intensely difficult period, when he probably never knew how the attitude of his German masters might change in response to Hitler's notorious hatred of "degeneraie" avant-garde artists.
After D-Day arrived, Picas-

so felt able to embark on a larger, more ambitious painting openly denouncing the atrocities of the concentration camps. The Charnel House shows the heaped and tangled bodies of a mother, father and child lying in a stark domestic interior. Their inermess contrasts with the flambovant. rasping restlessness of Guernica eight years before, when Picasso still felt that brutality could be resisted by the forces of compassion. Now, in The Charnel House, the obscene extermination of the Jews forced him to explore a more pessimistic order of feeling. It is, perhaps, the most openly despairing image Picasso ever produced.

lsewhere in New York, equally intense images of women can be found in the Julia Margaret Cameron exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art. The violence so often dominant in Picasso's wartime paintings does not disrupt her photographs. But they are no less compelling.

Until now, Cameron has been renowned above all for her portraits of distinguished men - most notably Alfred, Lord Tennyson, her neighbour on the Isle of Wight. By concentrating on female images, though, this exceptional show proves that women lay at the centre of her eloquent, single-minded vision.

in life, Cameron quickly asserted outstanding abilities. After her daughter presented the 48-year-old Cameron with a camera in 1863, she suffered no disadvantage from the lack of a professional training. Showing an admirable impa-tience with studio conventions of the period, she dismissed all thought of straining for sharp-focus, dogged, full-length por-traiture. For her, true imaginative insight was gained by closing on the sitter. She often concentrated on the face alone, and did not mind if a certain blurring entered the final image. It gave life to her subject, countering the camera's tendency to freeze the sitter in a

state of unnatural immobility. his work meant that Dosso As a result, the women in was overlooked. her finest work are defined



Perhaps the most openly despairing image Picasso ever produced: The Charnel House, from 1945, is his reaction not only to the Second World War but to the horrors of the Holocaust

with astonishing immediacy. They gaze out at us in all their breathing, emotion-filled actuality. Although obliged by Coming to photography late Cameron to pose with as much stillness as possible for several minutes, they do not display signs of intolerable constraint. On the contrary: they seem charged by the cam-era's presence, their identities heightened through Cam-

eron's probing scrutiny.

At the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a fascinating feat of revaluation has transformed the reputation of a long-neglected Renaissance paimer. In his heyday in the early 16th century Dosso Dossi enjoyed high esteem. He was ducal favourite at the Court of Ferrara, and regarded by many as worthy of comparison with Leonardo, Raphael and Titian. But in later centuries the dispersal of

Dosso was at his best when

contributing to Duke Alfonso d'Este's showcase for Venetian art within the castle at Ferrara. Here, competing with canvases by Bellini and Titian, he painted mythological figures in landscapes with a highly individual poetic fervour.

provise freely on canvas, he becomes especially liberated in wildly handled, distant panoramas where land, sea and sky melt into a visionary, luminous haze. Few painters have conveyed a sense of wonder with as much sensuous richness as Dosso, whose finest work assures him a high place in the pantheon of Renaissance masters.

Picasso and the War Years is at the Guggenheim Museum (001212-423-3500) until May 9; Julia Margaret Cameron's Women at MoMA (001212-708-9400) until May 4: Dosso Dossi at the Metro-politan Museum (001212-570-3951) until Mar 28

IN 1917, with the war dragging on endlessly in Europe. the great French couturier Paul Poiret had an innovative business idea. He would go to New York with a portfolio of designs and license American clothing firms to manufacture One of the first artists to imhis designs. Of course, the portfolio had to be alluring, and so he turned to his painter friend

Raoul Dufy. Poiret and Dufy had already worked together for several years, with Duly de-signing wonderfully rich and expensive fabrics hand-printed from his own wood blocks. But this pictorial realisation of Poiret's dress designs was quite a new notion. Clearly the sympathy between the two

men was extraordinary: in these lively, elegant sketches it is difficult to guess where Dufy begins and Poiret leaves off. Also, you cannot but be amazed at the prescience of Poiret: there are a couple of designs thatmight have come

like clingfilm, as if seeking to

absorb him. The attraction of

opposites here reaches its ulti-

mate statement, as man be-

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Ashley Page is another cho-reographer who makes sexy

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Tuifua. Hubert Essakow and

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#### **AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES**

from one of Dior's sketchbooks while he was creating Street, WI (0171-493 2630) until April 30

☐ David Piddock's paintings are funny. That is the first thing to say about them. In Death of the Avant Garde, for instance, apparently inspired by the RA's notorious Sensanon show, we can actually see Myra Hindley being daubed in the background, while other visitors peer and stretch and arrange their notes. All Piddock's tableaux are staged in galleries. Sometimes the characters, or their emotions, seem to escape from the art works and rampage around the building. Sometimes the oppo-

site is the case: titanic convul-

sions may be happening on

the walls around them, but the visitors remain sublimely un-

Piddock is in fact making serious observations about art and life, though in an endearingly unsolemn fashion. Also, his works are beautifully pointed, full of textural and tonal subtleties.Post-Modernism it no doubt is, but Post-Modernism with wit, skill and no pretensions. Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street, WI (DITI-0629

5116) until Friday SOME artists parade their rigour: Barry Hirst just

stands back and lets his creep

up on you. Look closely at these apparently casual pic tures of two cats sleeping. of Northumbrian fishing villag es, of trees and gardens. They are designed with extraordipale colour, making deeply satisfying patterns across the paper. For they are in fact water-

colours on paper. Hirst's surface is built up la-boriously until it looks like an early Renaissance mural, faded by time and slightly chalky. He is in a class by himself. Mercury Gallery, 26 Cork Street, WI (0171-734 7800) until March 13

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The biggest risk-taker is Cathy Marston, who returns to Dance Bites for the third year in a row. She gives us Tidelines, a meditative ballet that wears its intellectual genesis with pride. Marston is fascinated by the attraction of opposites, by the idea that we seek in others "the elements that we lack in order to feel complete in ourselves".

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The troupe's newest production, Secrets of Makaleng, strings together dances from Ghana, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Burkina-Faso, Botswana, Zimbabwe and the Ivory

Coast. Fuelled by a great sextet of drummers, the 16-strong ensemble keeps this melting pot of motion on the boil.

With pumping limbs, supple backs and frantically flexed torsos, they are like tireless revellers at some traditional-culture

rave. They perform religious dances, hom-ages to the harvest and the hunt, buoyant-

ly aggressive warrior dances for both gen-

ders and delebrations of the marriage bond with a verve that warms the blood.

Even collective grief packs a celebratory

like hula-hoops caught in the spin cycle.

punch when dancers' hips are whirling



lines, set to music by the Australian Peter Sculthorpe, is inspired by the ebb and flow of the tide. Marston's choreography reflects opposing dynamics — fluid and brittle, flowing and static - and the six dancers are both drawn to each other and resolutely separate.

The language is evocative of a watery landscape but seems a watery landscape but seems caught up in a self-perpetuating eddy until suddenly Marston produces a staggeringly beautiful and sensually pungent pas de deux that gives the ballet an unforgettable punch line. Mara Galeazzi wraps heres! self around Jonathan Cope

dancers a PC equality.

tions of self. A standard Page work, it nonetheless satisfied in the way it gave all three Michael Corder has not

worked with the Royal Ballet in 14 years, so his return to the company excited much expec-

Stravinsky's Pulcinella Suite, reveals Corder's skill as a ballet craftsman. His suite of nonnarrative dances, inspired by the characters of commedia dell'arte, are artful and attractive, the most Classically rigor-

ous item on the bill. Corder's language, both formal and frolicsome, shows why he is such an asser to a ballet company. He blends felicitous shapes for the ensemble with vivacious solo work for his three fine ballerinas - Viviana Durante, Miyako Yoshida

and Leanne Benjamin. But for all the flair and lis-somness of his writing, he does not go far enough in stamping his imprimatur on the choreography. He could afford to be a little less proficient and a little more personal.

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# Ancestral footwork



Some of their neater footwork might have filtered down from the plains of Africa into the kitscher fields of show busi-ness. Act II opens with a courtship dance complete with tap-like shuffle-kicks -

barefoot, of course — that seem an ethnic precursor of Broadway hoofing.

There are more costume changes than in a West End musical. Yet even with all the fur pelts, leathers, grass skirts and an-

kle beads, this is no jungle catwalk. Gathering steam, the dancers really work their flesh. At their best, they call out to us about the unbridled joy of bodies shimmying and stomping for all they are worth. The show's downfall is structural. The

programme refers to "a journey through time and space ... on which we will absorb knowledge, regain lost memory and gather wisdom in order to move toward the future". Such a vaguely idealistic charting of cultural history is fine, as long as it translates into full-throttle movement. But the performance is hamstrung by some unfortunate cinematic bridging. Each dance is fronted by a naive and awkward little film, with actors in native garb

spouting pretentious ancestral-speak. But the musicians and dancers save the day. The latter's climactic parade of party pieces whips the audience into cheering frenzies of pleasure.

DONALD HUTERA

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MAURIZIO POLLINI: The spring season of the Harnots International Plano Senes opens with a recital by the destinguished Italian planis! performing a selection of Beethoven miniatures, and 33 Variations on a Waltz by Olabelli.
Festival Hall (0171-960 4242).
Tonght, 7:30pm. (2)

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#### ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Smon Ratile returns to old haunts as he conducts the City to oid natures as ne conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in a concert featuring two popular pieces: Rechmaninov's Second Symphony preceded by Elgar's Cello Concerto with the acclaimed Norwegian cellist Truts More as elevent.



Simon Rattle returns to

GUILDFORD: Shella Gish stars as the vergetal Mrs Vertable in Suddenly Last Summer, Tennesse Williams's challing bate of motherty love. Sean Martins directs a collaboration between the Yvonne Arnaud and Warshouse Production A Weet End not follows: A West End run follows. Yvonne Arnaud (01483 440000). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. (2)

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☐ THE RIOT: Co-production with Kneangr In Pears of Comwain, presenting Nick Darks's new play, set at the turn of the century where the army is brought in to quall the realry between two towns, Cottestoe (0171-452 3000) ©

# Rockin' all over the words

**POP:** When you can't hear her lyrics, Alanis

Morissette cooks, says David Sinclair

Ithough sales of Alanis Morissette's current album. Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie, have carried it past the platinum mark (300,000 copies) in this country and well beyond in America, it has come nowhere close to emulating the phenomenal success of her 1995 album, Jagged Little Pill. In fairness, no one was expecting that it would. But she has not made things easy

for herself, couching the dense, introspective lyrics of her new songs in enough pseudo-psychological jargon to sink a battleship, prompting a crio-cal backlash that has focused almost entirely on her words rather than her musical deeds as a whole. Indeed, so firmly has she now been cast in the role of the glum, "post-feminist" singer-songwriter that it came as something of a surprise when Morissette gambolled on stage at the Shepherd's Bush Empire on Monday and, with the aid of a five-piece backing band, reeled off an opening salvo that was more like something from a Page & Plant gig than anything else.

The musical influences absorbed during her recent travels in India were immediately apparent on Baba. a number that combined Eastern modulations with a thunderous, bottom-heavy drum sound, and again in Would Not Come, which was driven by a bass riff that coiled and writhed like a fakir's snake.

ith typical flair, the Wigmore Hall is

With Morissette's voice well bedded in the guitar-dominated mix and her appalling diction doing the rest, the emphasis was thankfully switched away from the overwrought lyrics and on to her undoubted talents as a singer who knows how to

The set was laced with plenty of old favourites, many of them recast in a new light. There was a heavily syncopated Hand In My Pocket, a stripped and sinister You Oughta Know and. for an encore, a simple, acoustic version of Ironic presented alongside an appropriate Thank U. During You Learn she took off on a frantic bout of bunny hops and dizzving twirls.

But it was the new material that most benefited from the bright, muscular live treatment on show here, particularly Can't Not with its brooding opening chords, and the delicate Joining You, during which Morissette was circled continuously by a woman holding a camera as if making some obscure symbolic point about the role of the media in defining her self-image. The impact dissipated somewhat

as the show went on, and adjustments to the pacing and presentation of the set may be needed before Morissette returns for a tour of much bigger venues in the summer. But whatever her message is these days, she remains a musician and live performer of considerable clout.



Warming up: Alanis Morissette shows her rockier, more accessible side at the Shepherd's Bush Empire

MUSIC PREVIEW: With a year of Schumann in prospect, Judith Chernaik unravels the composer's final illness

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# The madness in his method

hosting a Schumann Series throughout the year, featuring seldom-played late works alongside the famous masterpieces for piano, voice and chamber groups. András Schiff's all-Schumann recitals are the jewel in the includes the last work Schumann composed, Geister Variations, dictated by the spirits of Schubert and Mendelssohn. The story is well known: only a few months after meeting the 20-year-old Brahms, Schumann suffered a severe breakdown. The angelic voices turned into demons, and the mann's struggle with Classical sonara form. distraught composer threw himself into the Rhine. A few days later he was taken to an asylum at Endenich, where he

and soon afterwards, hints of died two years later. the coming tragedy: nervous Schumann's development exhausoon, speech difficulties, as an artist was oddly back to severe onnitus and aural delusions, leading up to the violent front. The works central to the collapse of February 1854. As-

Etudes Symphoniques, Kreisle-tiana, Davidsbündlertänze, and the C Major Fantasie, all part of the Wigmore series) were composed in inspired still in his twenties. This was also true of the great 1840 song cycles, intended as love gifts to his beloved wife-to-be, Clara. The next ten years were also extraordinarily productive, but the symphonies. Piano Concerto and chamber works are sometimes flawed by Schu-

Then in 1850 there was a disastrous move to Düsseldorf.



Social disease: Schumann was destroyed by syphilis

tonishingly, Schumann continued to compose to the end. A post-mortem report oo Schumann's final illness by Dr Franz Richarz, the director of the asylum, described brain abnormalioes indicating "se-

ing in early youth". The report was published a year after Schumann's death in a biography by Wilhelm von Wasielewski, Schumann's Düsseldorf assistant and concert-master. Though they could not say so publicly, both Richarz and Wisielewski must have known that Schumann was suffering from the most horrific and invariably fatal

form of tertiary syphilis. Schumann's case and its diagnosis were complicated by a parallel set of "symptoms" given enduring life in his music. In 1831, Schumann joyfully welcomed into his diary two new friends: Florestan, a leader of men, named after the hero of Beethoven's Fidelio. and Eusebius, a shy, dreamy

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only recently sets these troubling matters in a clearer notes on his most famous patient and extracts published in 1994 draw a harrowing pic-ture of Schumann's clinical

state: intense agitation, sleeplessness, weeping spells, jerki-ness of the limbs, delusions and paranoid fears (he violently rejected food he believed to

self made notes on his condition, and recorded that he had syphilis in 1831 and was "cured" with arsenic, but his frequent reference to "Nemesis" and to his own guilt and his last cry to Clara - "Ah Clara, I am not worthy of your love" - suggest that he was haunted for years by the spectre of his impending fate.

ert Schumann, John Daviero concedes that the "likely" cause of Schumann's last illness was syphilis. But he vigorously defends the late work: Whoever hears signs of decay in the late music simply does not know it very well.".

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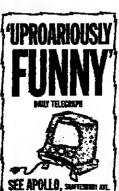
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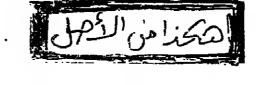
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# Relevant factors in copyright costs

AEI Rediffusion Music Ltd v section 135D application and that Phonographic Performance AEI should pay PPL's costs of the

Court of Appeal

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Mummery and Lord Justice Mantell

Judgment February 19 The Copyright Tribunal had a wide discretion in making an order for the payment of the costs of an application to settle the terms of a licence under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988.

Relevant factors for the tribunal to consider included an assessment of the positions taken by both parties on the application, the terms of the initial proposals and counterproposals, the points taken by each side at the hearing and the amount ol time and money spent on preparing and presenting the evidence

Where the tribunal had concluded that both the licensing body and the user had proposed terms which were unreasonable, it had erred in awarding costs to the party it red as the overall winner

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by AEI Rediffusion Music Ltd against the decision of Mr Justice Neuberger in the Chancery Di-vision on July 9, 1998 to overturn the decision of the Copyright Tribu-nal (Mr Antony Watson, QC, chair-man) ([1996] EMLR 459) that the licensing body. Phonographic Per-formance Ltd ("PPL"), pay two thirds of AEI's costs of making applications under sections 135D and 35E of the 1988 Act, as inserted by Act 1990, to settle the terms of pay-ment and the conditions of a licence to broadcast sound recordigs pursuant to section 135C

The judge ordered that there

section 135E application.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Hodge Malek for AEI: Mr Jonathan Rayner James, QC, for PPL.

LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY said that AEI had notified PPL of its intention to avail itself of a statutory licence to broadcast sound reordings pursuant to section LISC of the 1988 Act. It had then objected to both the operating conditions and the payment terms in the licence proposed by PPL

It had made applications to the Copyright Tribunal under section 135D to settle the terms of payment and under section L35E to settle the conditions of the licence. The application under section 135E had not been determined by the tribunal since, subject to some minor amendments, AEI had ultimately dropped its opposition and accepted PPL's proposed terms.

The tribunal's decision could be summarised as follows: it had accepted the royalty rate proposed by PPL and rejected the rate advanced by AEI; it had rejected PPL's and accepted AEI's definition of "relevant revenue"; and it had reduced PPL's fixed fee per site but rejected on that there should be no such fee at all.

The chairmao of the tribunal had concluded that AEI had been the winners of the application and that PPL should pay AEI's costs subject to a one-third reduction by reason of the way in which AEI had conducted their case.

The judge had set aside that or-der. On the section 135D application be had substituted an order that there should be no order as to costs. On the section 135E application be had ordered AEI to pay

The judge ordered that there should be no order for costs on the submissions that, as an applicant

was required to make an application to the tribunal to settle the terms of payment, it was to be treat-ed as a plaintiff and that PPL was to be treated as a defendant, as in

litigation concerning a money On the basis of that analogy AEI had argued that it ought to be awarded its costs against PPL as it had done significantly better than it would have done by accepting

the terms of payment proposed by PPL. It followed that it was the overall winner and in the position equivalent to that of a successful intiff on a money claim in court. The judge had been right to in-riere with the exercise of the tribunal's discretion on the basis that the chairman had erred in principle by ordering costs to follow the event that AEt was to be treated as the winner and PPL as the loser of

the application to the tribunal.

On an application to settle terms of payment or other conditions the tribunal had power to make such an order as it might determine to be reasonable in all the circumces. Such a power was so differ ent in its nature and scope from that of a court in adjudicating upon ordinary civil claims between intiffs and defendants that the civil litigation analogy had to be used cautiously.

Most civil cases, if they were not settled, did result in a judicial decision on a claim or a counterclaim which could reasonably be described as an event enabling a court to identify the winner and the loser and to make a clear cut decision on the issue of costs according

The determination of the tribunal, however, was likely in many, if not most, cases to produce an our come which was not so clear cut. It was not like ordinary civil litigation: it was a compulsory arbitra-tion on quantum by reference solely to the criterion of reasonable-

The special nature and scope of the tribunal's substantive power was reflected in the width of the discretion on costs contained in secdon 151(1) of the 1988 Act and to reg-

ulation 48(1) of the Copyright Tribu-nal Rules (\$1 1989 No 1129). It was significant that the legisla-tion and the rules did not expressly state any general principle labout costs following the event such as was sel out in Order 62, rule 3(3) of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

It was appreciated by the drafts-man of the legislation and the rules that it was not appropriate to fetter that discretion by reference to the outcome of the application; al-though it was, of course, legitimate for the tribunal to give and follow the guidance contained in the Copy-right Tribunal 1995 Practice Direction: see Copinger and Skone James on Copyright [14th edition (1999) volume 2, paragraph Bl.ii. pp412-417).

As the discretion on costs was not expressly subject to general principles, save as stated in the Practice Direction, or provisional statutory steer or letter, it should be interpreted and applied as a wide discretion to be exercised judicially and reasonably by taking ac-count of, and giving due weight to all relevant factors in a principled and proportionate fashion.

Relevant factors included an assessment of the respective posisession to the respective pos-tions taken by both parties on the application in the light of the out-come, both overall and on the dif-ferent issues on which the tribunal had heard evidence and argument from each side: the terms of the initial proposals and the counter-proposals; the points taken by each side at the hearing; and the length of time and amount of money spent on the preparation and the

guments on the issues. There ould be some applications to the tribunal where it was possible to say that the licensing body was the winner. The tribunal might hold that the terms of payment and con-didons proposed by the user had been unreasonable.

Equally, there would be some applications where it was possible to say that the user was the winner of the application, because the terms initially proposed by the licensing body had been unreasonable and the terms proposed by the user had been reasonable.

But where the tribunal determined that both the licensing body and the user had proposed terms ultimately held to be unreasonable, it was not correct to proceed on the basis that the outcome must produce a winner and a loser.

Looking at all the relevant matters in the round there had be dispute between PPL and AEI on the amount to be paid under the statutory licence. Both parties had aken up positions which the tribunal had ultimately determined to be unreasonable. PPL had been asking for too much, AEI had been prepared to pay too little.

The outcome of the section 135D application, as determined on the basis of what was reasonable in the circumstances, had been somewhere between those compeons proposals. No order as to costs was the appropriate order in the case of

On the section 135E application AEI should pay PPL's costs, since it had ended up agreeing to almost all of the conditions proposed by PPL without a contested hearing in the tribunal.

The Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Mantell gave concur-

#### ring judgments. Sheikh & Co. Marylebone.

His Lordship said that in the ab-

sence of authority he rejected the suggestion that a court order sanc-

tioning a scheme could not be set aside for fraud. If Parliament had

intended an order under section 425 to have the special characteris-

tic of not being able to be set aside

for fraud it would have said so, in his Lordship's view it would

be a revolong absurdity if a court were not able to set aside an order

where a lidgant had deliberately

and systematically misled the

court merely because Parliament

#### Requiring contribution from developer construction made sense. The broad construction, in his Lord-Wards Construction (Med- Mr Gerard Ryan, QC and Mr Rod-

way) Ltd v Kent County Coun-

Justice Ward and Sir Christopher Staughton

Where an area was being developed, section 278(2) of the Highways Act 1980 conferred express power on the highway authority to obtain a contribution from the develocers for costs incurred by the highway authority in acquiring land for the purposes of highway improvements which would allow

the development to proceed.

The Court of Appeal so stated, inre court of Appeal so stated, the ratia, allowing an appeal by the developers. Wards Construction (Medway) Ltd. from Judge Viscount Colville of Culross. QC, sitting as a Higb Court judge.

In 1973 Keni County Council produced an informal area action plants.

for the development of an area in Maidstone under which 1,750 houses would be built and the road net-

It was agreed between the plan-ning authority, Maidstone Bor-ough Council, the highway authori-ty, Kent, and Wards that the devel-

purchase order. The developers and the landowner lailed to agree a price and the highway authority compulsorily purchased it.

land was £10,000 but long after the roundabout was built in 1991, the Lands Tribunal fixed the compen-

ney Stewart Smith for the highway

Section 278(5) acknowledge

authority to be satisfied that any

such agreement would be of bene-fit to the public.

agreement was satisfied where the

developer would "derive a special

the works of "particular modifica-

tions, additions or features or were

place or in a particular manner.

As the overriding principle was

that such an agreement should be

for the benefit of the public rather

than for the benefit of the develop-

er, it seemed to his Lordship clear

that it must have been Parlia-

ment's Intention when developers

had been specially benefited that the contributions they should

make might in proper cases be

hased on the total cost of the works.

including acquisioon costs, rather

than the costs of the works exclud-

The words used in section 278

The choice lay between a broad

and a narrow construction. On the

narrow construction, his Lordship

could see no sensible reason for

Mr Ryan made the valid histori-

cal point that developers contribut-

ing to the costs of the infrastruc-

ture necessary as a result of their

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then than after the reforms intro-duced by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 which re-

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posed relating to the introduction of private finance into highway im-

provements, particularly where that private money was necessary

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vere ambiguous,

such a provision.

The basic condition for such an

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said Before Lord Justice Henry, Lord that the one of the issues raised on appeal was whether section 278(2) of the Highways Act 1980 con-[Judgment February 5] ferred express power on the high-way authority to obtain a contribu-

tioo from the developers for land acquisition costs incurred by the hway authority. Section 278(I) to (4) limited secon 278 agreements under which developers might be required to make contributions "towards the expenses incurred by the highway authority in executing the ...

The question was whether those words were limited to the cost just of doing the building and engineer-ing works, a narrow and literal construction, or whether they also in-cluded the cost of acquisition of land where that was necessary for

the execution of the works. that for certain purposes, includ-ing road improvement, the high-way authority had power to ac-quire land by agreement or com-pulsorily, and obliged the highway

opers should pay 65 per cent and the highway authority 35 per cent of the cost of acquiring the land and building a roundabout. It was envisaged that the devel-opers would acquire the land neces-

sary for the construction of the benefit" from the incorporation in roundabout, but that if they lailed the highway authority would acexecuted at a particular time or quire it by the use of a compulsory

Then the cost of acquiring the sation to be paid by the highway authority to be £2,150,000.

In 1994 the Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the develop-ers against that decision and the House of Lords refused leave to appeal. Whether or not the develop-ers would have paid £10,000 they were not prepared to pay £2,150,000.

In 1994 the developers commenced proceedings against the highway authority, claiming that the agreement to pay 65 per cent of the costs of acquisition was illegal and unenforceable. In 1996 the highway authority commenced proceedings for the developer's 65

per cent share of £2,150,000. Orders were made in both actions for the question of enforceability of the agreement between the parties to be tried as a preliminary point. The judge found that the agreement was enforceable as a matter of administrative law but unenforceable because filegally performed under the law of contract. Mr Malcolm Spence, QC, Mr Adrian Trevelyan Thomas and Mr

while recognising the of policy, only the broad

ship's view reflected the clear st-fu-

So his Lordship would conclude that section 278 did confer express authority on the highway authori-ty to obtain a contribution from the developer for land acquisinn costs incurred by the highway authority.

The next issue was whether section 278(5) of the 1980 Act prevented the highway authority from mak-ing a compulsory purchase order under section 239 of the 1980 Act. The judge rightly recognised sec-on 278(5) as "the primary source of the Jalleged invalidity in the rele-

vani part of the agreement". But despile recognising its importance, it was not enorely clear whether he concluded if ere was a breach of section (5), and il so, what it

The highway authority submitted that he did not appear to have decided the issue, although it was

fully argued.
The developers submitted that while be nowhere stated his conclusion unequivocally, it should be concluded that be did find that section 278(5) prohibited the agreement made, but that be concluded that while section 25 of the Acquisioon of Land Act 1981 barred any challenge to the validity of the compulsory purchase order or the sec-con 278 agreement, it did not bar a claim at common law based on the fact that the agreement was per-formed in a manner which was unlawful.

It seemed to his Lordship that the judge did find that section 25 of the 1981 Act would be a defence to any breach ol section 278(5).

While it was necessary for the breach of section 278(5), and if so what that breach was, it might be that the reason for that apparent omission lay in the way the developers had pleaded and put their

In his Lordship's judgment the present case required a specific finding on the issue as to whether section 278(5) had been broken, and if so, how, As no oral evidence was called on either side, credit

Therefore, the Court of Appeal did not start at a marked disadvantage to the trial judge. Accordingly, his Lordship would not remit for a new trial on the preliminary point but would urge the court to decide

In the circumstances, his Lordship was quite satisfied that there was a present need to acquire the land which did not depend on the existence of the section 278 agreement, that section 278(5) was not breached and did not prohibit the use of compulsory powers, and the agreement they made. Lord Justice Ward and Sir Chris-

topher Staughton agreed. Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard;

#### Court has power to alter scheme of arrangement an Act of Parliament, a statute is an expression of the royal will."

Fletcher and Another v Royal Automobile Club

Before Mr Justice Neuberger

[Judgment February 19] A court had jurisdiction to alter or terminate a scheme of arrangement made pursuant to section 425(2) and (3) of the Companies Act 1985 if such an order had been obtained by fraud, notwithstanding that Parliament had not provided any formal mechanism for the review of the procedure under sec-

tion 425. Mr Justice Neuberger so held in the Chancery Division on an application under Order 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court when dismissing, for other reasons, an action brought by the plaintiffs, Ge-offrey John Fletcher and Richard

O'Hea, against the Royal Automo-bile Club.

Mr Ian Croxford, QC and Mr Thomas Lowe for the plaintiffs; Mr

MR JUSTICE NEUBERGER said that the defendants had entered into an agreement with Cendani Corporation whereby Cendant would buy the motoring service division of the defendants and the proceeds of sale would be distribut-

tween itself and its members.

An order sanctioning the scheme was made no July 8, 1998.

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Robin Potts. QC and Mr John Cone for the defendants. ed to its members.

UK has duty to provide right to vote

On June 24, 1998 the defendants applied under section 425 of the impanies Act 1985 for approval of a scheme of arrangement be-

That order was subsequently challenged by the plaintiffs on the basis that it had been obtained by fraud. The defendants submitted that,

in accordance with section 425(2) and (3), a scheme of arrangement, once approved by the relevant ma-jorities and sanctioned by the court and the relevant office copy of the order having been delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registradon, the scheme had statu effect and could not thereafter he altered or terminated otherwise than as provided by the scheme itself or by a further scheme.

The defendants also submitted that the court order was simply one of the steps which was repulred before the scheme had effect: that once the court had sancbeen delivered to the Registrar of Companies, the scheme took effect virtue of the provisions of the Act and not by virtue of any order of the court.

Moreover, the Companies Act did oot provide for any mechanism for the formal review of the proce-Mr Pous relied on the dictum of

Lord Hoffmann in Kempe v Am-bassador Insurance [1998] I WLR 271, 276): "It is true that the sance tion of the court is necessary for the scheme to become binding and that it takes effect when the order expressing the sanction is delivered to the registrar. But it is not enough to enable one to say that the court has by its order made the scheme. It is rather like saying that because royal assent is required for

had said what the effect of the order was.

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(Application No 24833/94)

Before L. Wildhaber, President

and Judges E. Palm, L. Ferrari Bra-

sponsible for securing the right to free elections regardless of whether the elections were domestic or to the European Parliament. In so determining, the European Court of Human Rights, held by 15 votes to two, that there had been a violation of the applicant's right to participate in elections to choose the legislature, as guaranteed by article 3 of Protocol No 1 to the Eu-

part of the legislation in Gibraltar

and the United Kingdom was re-

Article 3 of Protocol No I to the Convention provides: The High Contracting Parties undertake to hold free elections at

Convention on Human

reasonable intervals by secret bal-lot, under conditions which will enture the free expression of the opinion of the people in the choice of the The applicant, Ms Denise Matthews, a British citizen, was a resident of Gibraltar. She was born in 1975, In April 1994 she applied to he registered as a voter in the elec-

tions to the European Parliament

terms of the EC Act on Direct Elections of 1976 Gibraltar was not included in the Iranchise for those The application was lodged with the European Commission of Human Rights on April 18, 1994. Having declared the application admissible, the Commission adopted a re-port on October 29, 1997 in which it

expressed the opinion by 12 voted to five that there had been no violation of article 3 of Protocol No 1. The Commission referred the case to the Court on January 26, 1998. Under the transitional provi-sions of Protocol No 11 to the Convention the case was transmitted to the Grand Chamber of the new European Court of Human Rights on the entry into force of the Protocol

on November I. 1998. In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held as fol-

! Alleged violation of article 3 of Protocol No I II was common ground that article 3 of Protocol No.1 applied in Gi-

A Whether the United Kingdom could be held responsible under the Convention for the lack of elections to the European Parliament

The Court noted that acts of the European Community as such

could not be challenged before it as the European Community was not a contracting party.

However, notwithstanding the transfer of competences to the European Community, contracting states remained responsible for en-suring that Convention rights were Contracting states were responsi-ble under the Convention and Its

Protocols for the consequences of international treaties entered into subsequent to the applicability of the Convencion guarantees. Moreover legislation emanating from the legislative process of the European Community affected the population of Gibraltar in the same way as legislation which en-tered the domestic legal order ex-

clusively via the Gibraliar House There was accordingly no rea-son why the United Kingdom should not be required to secure the rights set out in article 3 of Protocol No 1 in respect of European

It lollowed that the United King-dom was responsible for securing the rights guaranteed by article 3 of Protocol No I regardless of hether the elections were purely

domestic or European.

B Whether article 3 of Protocol No t was applicable to an organ such as the European Parliament The Convention was a living in-strument which had to be interpresed in the light of present-day condi-tions, a concept which was firmly rooted in the Court's case law, see inter alia, Loizidou v Turkey (The

Times April 15, 1995; Series A No 310 pp26-27, paragraph 71). The mere fact that a body had not been envisaged by the drafters of the Convention could not pre-vent the body from falling within the scope of the Convention. To the extent that contracting states organised common constitutional or parliamentary structures

had to take those mutually agreed structural changes into account in interpreting the Convencion and its The question remained whether an organ such as the European Par-liament feli outside the ambit of ar-

arional treaties, the Court

ticle 3 of Protocol No 1. The Court recalled that the word "legislature" in article 3 of Protocol No I did not necessarily mean the national parliament: the word had to be interpreted in the light of the rutional structure of the state

In Mathieu Mohin ond Clerv Belgium (March 2. 1987 Series A No 113, p23, paragraph 531 the 1980 constitutional reform had ted in the Flemish Council sufficient competence and powers to make it, alongside the French Community Council and the Walloon Regional Council, a constituent part of the Belgian "legislature", in addition to the House of Representarives and the Senate: see also the Commission's decision on the application of article 3 of Protocol No I to regional parliaments in Austria

(Application No 7008/75, decision

July 12, 1976, DR 6, p120) and in Germany (Application No 27311/95, decision September 11,

1995, DR 82-A, p158)). According to the case law of the European Court of Justice, it was an inherent aspect of EC law that such law sat alongside, and indeed had precedence over, domestic law: see, for example, Costa v ENEL (Case 6/64) ([1964] ECR 585) and Amministrazione delle Finanze dello Stato v Simmenthal SpA (Case 106/77) ([1978] ECR 629). In that regard, Gibraliar was in

the European Union. The Court reiterated that article 3 of Protocol No I enshrined a characteristic of an effective political democracy: see Mathieu-Mohin a Clerfort (at p22, paragraph 47) and United Communist Party of Turkey and Others v Turkey (January 30, 1998, Reports of Judgments and Decisions 1998-1, pp22-22, paragraph 45)

The Court thus considered that to accept the United Kingdom Government's contention that the sphere of activities of the European Partiament fell outside the scope of article 3 of Protocol No 1 would risk undermining one of the funda-mental tools by which "effective polideal democracy" could be main-

It followed that no reason had been made out which could justify excluding the European Parlia ment from the ambit of the elections referred to in article 3 of Protocal No I on the ground that it was supranational, rather than a puredomestic, representative organ. C Whether the European Parlia-ment, at the relevant time, had the

characteristics of a "legislature" in Gibraltar In determining whether the Eu-ropean Parliament fell to be considered as the "legislature", or part of it, in Gibraltar for the purposes of article 3 of Protocol No I, the Court had to bear in mind the sui generis nature of the European Commun tv. which did not lollow in every respect the pattern common in many states of a more or less strict division of powers between the execu-

tive and the legislature. Rather, the legislative process in the EC involved the participation of the European Parliament, the Council and the European Com-

The Court also had to ensure that "effective political democracy was properly served in the territo ries to which the Convention applied, and in that context, it had to have regard not solely to the strictly legislative powers which a body had, but also to that body's role in

The Court then examined the

powers of the European Parlia-

ment in the context of the Europe

an Community and concluded that

the Parliament was sufficiently in-

volved both in the specific legisla-

tive processes leading to the pas-sage of legislation under articles 189b and 189c of the EC Treaty.

and in the general democratic su-

the overall legislative process.

It followed that there had had been a violation of that provision. Judges Sir John Freeland and Jungwiert dissented II Other matters

gal aid for fees and travel and substence expenses before the Court

The consequences of setting the order could be inconvenient, or could lead to innocent third parties uffering. However, those were matters that went to the court's discretion and did not go to the ques-

Strasbourg

ropean Community to constitute part of the "legislature" of Gibraltar for the purposes of article 3 of D Application of article 56 of the Article 56 of the Convention (formerly article 63) provided a state with the possibility to "extend to all or any of the territories for whose

sible" Convention rights (para-The provisions of the Convenoon "shall be applied in such territories with due regard, however, to local requirements" (paragraph 3).

The Court recalled that in Tyrer v United Kingdom (April 25, 1978. Series A. No 26. ppl8-19, para-graph 38) it found that before the

internacional relations it is respon-

former article 63.3 could apply, there would have to be "positive and conclusive proof of a require-Local requirements, if they relerred to the specific legal status of a territory, had to be of a compelling nature if they were to jus

the application of article 56 of the in the present case, the Government did not contend that the status of Gibraltar was such as to give rise to "local requirements" which could limit the application of the Convention, and the Court found no indication that there were any

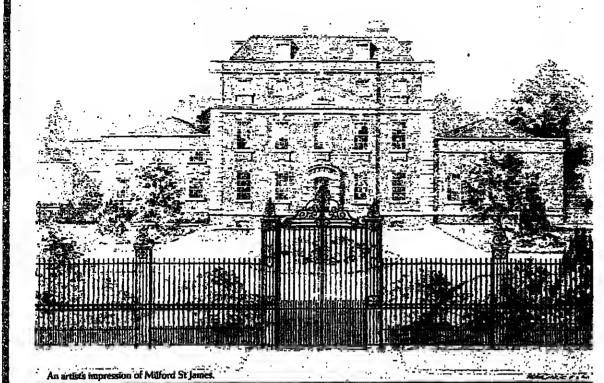
such requirements. E Whether the absence of elec-tions to the European Pariiament in Gibraltar in 1994 was compati-ble with article 3 of Protocol No 1. The Court emphasised that the choice of the electoral system by which the free expression of the opinion of the people in the choice a matter in which states enjoyed a

wide margin of appreciation. However, in the case before it the applicant had been denied any opportunity to express her opinion in the choice of members of the European Parliament, despite the fact that, as the Court had found, legislation that emanated from the Eurocean Community formed part of the legislation in Gibraltar and the applicant was directly affected by

The very essence of the applicant's right to vote to choose the leg-islature, as guaranteed under article 3 of Protocol No 1, had been de-

The Court was of the unanimous view that it was not neces-sary to consider the complaints under article 14 of the Convention (prohibition of discrimination) in conjunction with article 3 of Protocol No I, and awarded the applicant £45,000 by way of fees and expenses from which were 10 be deducted FFr18.510 paid by way of leMILFORD JAMES

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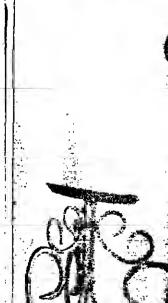
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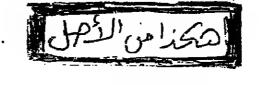
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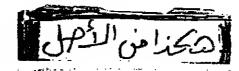




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Rocketing charges: Dr Neville Young and his wife Mary, whose rent on their Kensington flat, left, has been increased by more than 250 per cent: "Existence is miserable now," he says

# When rents skyrocket

ver since the Government in-troduced new limits on fair rent increases last month to help private tenants who have been facing exceptionally high rises. tandlords have been cursing.
Geoff Cutting, from the Small Land-

lords Association, describes the move as the very worst of the worst of old Labour", and an entirely unwarranted government intervention in the private rent-

From now on, increases will be limited to the retail price index plus 7.5 per cent when rent officers and rent assessment committees decide on a new rent as leases become due. Thereafter, future rises will be the retail price index plus 5

You might assume that this was good news for tenants. These controls should restore some of the protection that tenants enjoyed from the vagaries of the open market. But many argue that they have already been subject to such intol-erable rent rises that the reforms are too

Neville and Mary Young live at the top of Allen House in Kensington, West London, and are typical of the people who enjoyed a protected tenancy. Dr Young was a GP for 30 years and has lived in Kensington all his life.

"This is an absolute disaster," he says. The legislation is not retrospective. The point is that most landlords have already introduced such monstrous rises Rachel Kelly meets the tenants faced with huge increases despite new controls imposed by the Housing Minister

that many of the 250,000 statutory tenants will be made homeless."

The legislation was introduced on February I, but first mooted in July last year. Landlords had a crucial six-month window in which to increase rents before controls came into effect.

"Karen Buck, the Labour MP for Regent's Park and Kensington North, described the legislation as a wonderful present," says Dr Young. "In fact, it is more like a kick in the teeth." Protected tenancies were the result of

rent controls brought in after the First World War for fear of landlords becoming bogeymen. What was to stop landlords from charging overly high rents by exploiting the scarcity of property? Controls were stepped up in the Fifties and successive Rent Acts followed in the Sixties and Seventies.

Such tenants cannot be moved out of their properties during their lifetime thanks to "security of tenure", assuming that they continue to pay the rent and their rents are set by rent officers. These are government employees who decide the level of a so-called "fair rent" by calculating the market rent, which is then adjusted to take into account the availability of local property to rent (or what is known as scarcity). Rents have soared

since the 1988 Housing Act, undoubted-ly creating hardship. The Act created assured shorthold tenancies under which a landlord could eject a tenant after six months. The expansion in the market that has followed has given rent officers

actually being charged. Landlords could compare the rents that they were now getting on the open market, flushed by the end of regulation. Naturally, they started to apply for rent increases, arguing that there was no longer any scarcity, so fair rents should be effectively the same as market

much more evidence of what rents are

For the Youngs, such rents have been huge. Before the legislation was introduced by Hilary Armstrong, the Housing Minister, his landlord, Gander Holdings, asked for an increase of more than 250 per cent.

There is nothing that the legislation can do to protect them from such rises. which may well make them homeless. The Youngs are waiting for a decision from the fair rent officer on what the rent should be.

Should he decide in favour of the landlord-the Youngs' rent will rocket from £2,100 a quarter to £7,500 a quarter. Two years ago, the rent went up 160 per

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cent. A spokesman for Gander Holdings said: "The rent increase is in line with market rents.

"This is my family home," says Dr Young. "My mother moved in here 56 years ago, and I've been here ever since. The landlord offered us a two-bedroom flat in Bristol, but we don't want to live there. All our friends and family are here. This is our home. Existence is miserable now, and the worry of the rent is very isolating. But this is not just our problem. The retired are being crucified in this respect."

he tenants most affected are in London and the South East, especially in Kensington and Chelsea with its plethora of mansion blocks, and those on the Cadogan Estate near Sloane Square.

Neville Bines, who lives in Earsby Street in Hammersmith, used to pay £4,700 annually to his landlords, Worship House Estates. They applied to increase the rent to £31,000; the rent officer assessed it at £7,750 a year but the landlord objected. The assessment committee then put the rent at £8,250, a 75 per cent increase, in December. The new rules are too late for him.

"My wife and I are in our late seven-

ties, early eighties. We lived on a fixed income . . . I have written to the Housing Minister but have not had a reply. In the meantime, I have applied for hous-ing benefit. I do not know what the answer will be but I fear the worst." he

says.

The rules are also too late for Elena Brewington, from Evelyn Gardens in South Kensington. She wrote to the The Times about her plight. "As a result of the delay in the rent-capping legislation of the Government, my landlord, the Grainger Trust, and its subsidiary, N&D Limited, has had two years to put in an application for a 300 per cent rent increase on this flat, from £6.400 a year to £19,000 a year."

The tenants argue that the Housing Minister should take into consideration the repercussions on those who have seen their rents increase by far more than 25 per cent at the last review. One solution is that the period between reviews be longer than two years, thus diluting the worst of the rises.

Even landlords' representatives admit that some tenants, who have counted on paying far lower rents, will suffer hardship. Leo Hickish, from Strutt & Parker, representing landlords, says: "While this level of hardship is regrettable, we believe that the cost of relieving it should not be borne by private individuals. It is a social cost and as such is the responsibility of government."

is the Housing Minister listening?

# Switched on by power

A couple plan to turn a sub-station into their home, reports Ben Wakeham

AN AMATEUR builder has sold his £120,000 house to move into an electricity substation. Richard Curtis has plans under way to convert a disused powerhouse into his dream home.

He and his wife Anne hit upon the idea while out walking in their village of Cleadon in Sunderland when they saw the shabby station.

They fell in love with it immediately and managed to talk planners and electricity bosses into parting with the £30,000 building. The electricity box, packed with transformers supplying 11,000 volts of power to the village, will be turned into a stylish four-bedroomed palace.

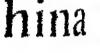
"We are very excited about the plans," Mr Curtis says. "We had to move house because of my wife's job changes, but we couldn't believe our luck when we saw the sub-station. It was perfect. I'm a bit of an amateur builder and my wife is an artist and we've always had a dream of designing our own home.

He said that the plans drawn up by Charles Greenall, an architect, had been designed to enhance the character and create a calming environment. "People thought it was crazy at first because the idea of a powerhouse strikes up some weird images, but once they saw it and saw our plans for the place they thought it was

"Once we had convinced the council and agreed to have another smaller distributor box on the site of our home, it was in the bag. It was due to be demolished, so we were just in time and the electricity company was pleased that we saved it forking out for the demolition fees."

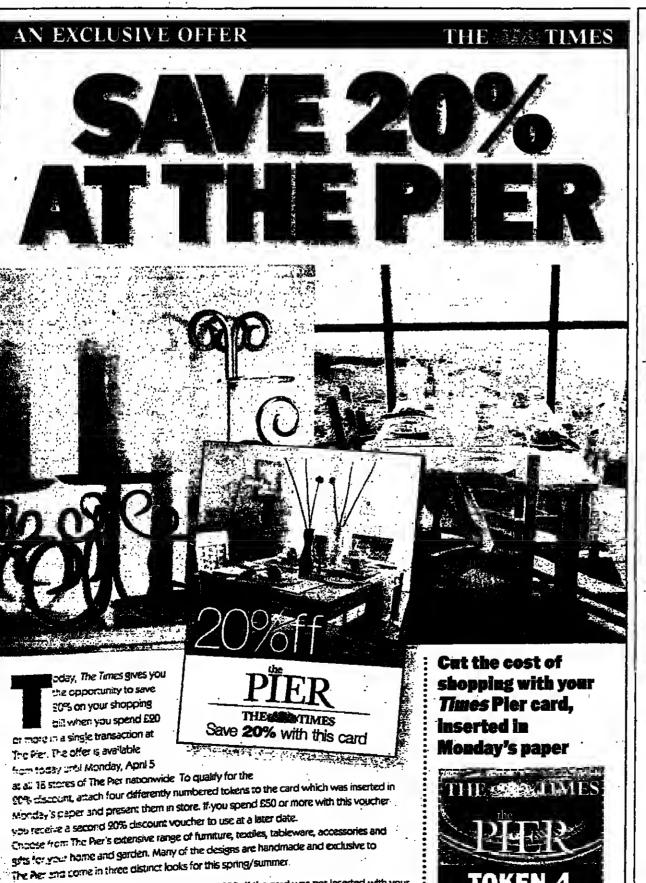
PLANS include a tall dining room with balcony that will lead to a spiral staircase to the roof, screened with glass. Planners have compared the conversion to the work of the late Frank Lloyd Wright, one of the world's most renowned architects.

If everything goes to plan the couple and their three children should move in by the summer, but Mrs Curtis admits that the rest of the family took some convincing. "The children thought we had lost it, a mid-life crisis or something, and they were all leaving for home." she says, "but when they saw the ultra-modern design and swish interior, and of course their bedrooms, they changed their minds. We are all very excited now and really cannot wait to move in. I'm sure that it is everyone's dream to create their own home.



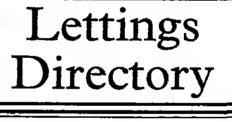
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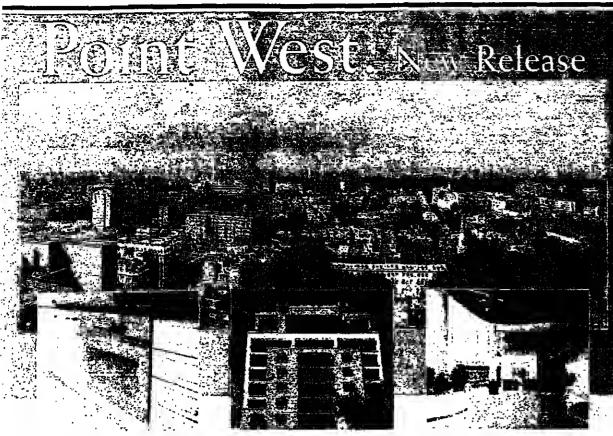
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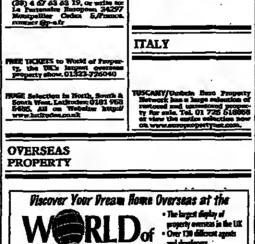
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With rain all but obscuring, the upper reaches of Cleeve Hill, a team of vets, horse ambulancemen, racecourse staff and officials, led by Philip Arkwright, clerk of the course, spent two hours working out how they would cope.

On each of the Festival's three days around 120 horses will negotiate an ever changing combination of the 24 fences or 15 flights of hurdles which are dotted around the 50-acre course. An accident involving one or more of those runners could happen any-

With Arkwright directing operations via radio from the top of the grandstand, John Codner, the senior vet at Cheltenham, and Sebastian Garner, who provides two horse ambulances for the Festival. reach the scene. Groundstaff erect green canvas screens to enable the vet to work away from the public gaze. The biggest problems come from the driving rain and wind, which all but blows over the screens.



Cheltenham's clerk of the course, Philip Arkwright, right, discusses casualty management with serior ver John Codner

The second scenario is in front of the stands which will hold 59,000 on Gold Cup day. A race has just finished and the runners are returning along the horse-walk when one collapses -- near the special platform used by racegoers in wheelchairs. "It is a pig of a situation." Arkwright says.

For the purpose of the exercise, it is assumed that the horse has died. How does the horse ambulance get close to the body and load it on board without spectators in the upper levels of the grandstand seeing the heart-breaking scene? And what about the other horses whose route back to

the unsaddling enclosure has been blocked? The radios crackle back and forth until sohitions are agreed.

With that horror over, they move back 100 yards and are told that a horse has fallen and died - at the last flight of hurdles in the home straight on the first circuit of the Stay-

ers' Hurdle. The radio crackles again as the imaginary race continues. "Vet to Knacker. Don't forget, you have to wait for the next circuit." The by-now drenched team make their way to the winner's enclosure where a horse has col-

lapsed and died ... There was not a spectator in Today's cards at Chepstow and Wetherby are both subject to morning inspections af-ter heavy rainfall yesterday. Wetherby will inspect at 7.30am with Chepstow following suit 15 minutes later. Rodger Farrant, clerk of the course at Chepstow, said: "We have called the inspection following continuous heavy rain. By mid-afternoon a further half an inch had fallen to add to the one inch which fell over the weekend."

sight yesterday, but as those dreaded screens made yet another appearance one could only imagine the desperation felt by a Festival crowd and a luckless owner whose tears of joy would suddenly be transformed into tears of grief. Hopefully, this will prove to be a dress rehearsal without a

first night.
Gillespie explained: "We call it casualty management with the focus on the horses. We are doing this to ensure we are wholly confident about dealing with the normal, and as confident as possible of dealing with the abnormal.
"It is the first time we have

had a rehearsal like this, but there is nothing better than doing these things on the ground so that people can think things through and learn to cope with the unexpected. In the past we have rehearsed emergency evacuations and dealing with difficult situations with the crowd. It is only sensible to rehearse something that involves the most unpredictable element - the racehorse."

THUNDERER 2.20 in The Blood 3.50 Kingsmark 2.50 Bow Bells 4.20 Miss Diskin 3.20 Royal Raven 4.55 Executive Decision Timekeeper's top rating: 3.50 KATES CHARM.

GOING: HEAVY (7.45AM INSPECTION)

2.20 GREAT EXPECTATIONS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,539: 2m 3f 110yd) (5 runners) 

Long bandicap: The Ears 9-11, Koo's Process 9-3, BETTING: 11-18 in The Blood, 9-4 kbce, 11-4 The Ears, 25-1 Denichous, 33-1 Kgo's Promise. 1998: MEETING ABANDONED — WATERLOGGING.

their westacing what lett 5 main, 7-runne novice chase grade 1 won by Lord Of The Rheer at Kempson (2m, 40%); best Calson Lan 10% in 6-various mystoc chase at Chapstone (2m, 31%); best Calson Lan 10% in 6-various mystoc chase at Chapstone (2m, 31%); good, previously between a disconce 2md of 5-various feet in fearboding chase at Lebosete (2m 41%); though to soot). In The Blanch best Jason 5 Bay 51-various breat Jason 5 Bay 51-various process at Footback at Rootback (2m, 41%); the Electric 10% of 5 Bay 51-various process at Feeter (2m, 21%). The Electric 12% 2nd-of 7 to Jason 5 Bay 40% attempts in Section 10% of 10% of

IN THE BLOOD is anothed to improve for his reappearance victory and can defy a 6th rise in the handicap

2.50 poacher's selling handicap hurdle

(£2,248: 2m 110yd) (16 runners) 

BETTING: 5-2 Brateche, 6-1 Pridovood Fungle, 13-2 Bosny, 8-1 Golden Film, Trainier, 10-1 Grand Cru, Shadima

Grand Cru palled up in novice handleap burdle at Hundingdon (2m 110yd, sob); previously 12 5th of 17 to Anny's Lad in another novice handleap hurdle at Wanslet (2m 3), sol). Shadinwas beam a distance 5th of 12 to Alago Combination in novice handleap hardle at Wanslet (2m 3), sol). Shadinwas beam a distance 5th of 12 to Stretching in selling handleap hardle to fearation (2m 11, good to soil), previously selling handleap hardle to fearation (2m 11, good to soil), previously sol of 17 to fiscles soler in selling handleap hardle at Faultations (2m 11 floyd, heavy). Head Sandener 56l 8th of 17 to fiscles soler in novice handleap hurdle at Bangon (2m 4), good to soil), previously 35l 4th of 9 to Weaters Who in selling handleap hurdle at Daniel (2m 21, good). Traticion 19 5th of 10 Press to reselling handleap at Utimeter (2m, soil), previously shad their of 16 to Optimeter Chris to 3yo novice selling hardle at Datesser (2m, heavy) with Bretterien (2m soil 19 to 19

TRAKELOR appears fairly treated on his switch to handicap ranks and should give a good account

1 PP31/3 BALLYBOLLEN 81 (D.S.) (T Nell' & Lafy Thompson) M Ppc 7-11-7 R Greene 2 005446 DIRWINGUS TOWN 29 (F Tocket) F Turber 7-11-7 G Supple (3) 16 3 50P388 FASTWA GOLD 23 (B.F.) (A Price) R.J. Price 7-11-7 B Powed 16 2 F2-P73 EACHAL KING 30 (B.D.G.) (A Price) R.J. Price 7-11-7 B Powed 16 5 5-09489 High TRYNE 61 (B.D.S.) (Net Parlierstap) P Horites 8-11-7 R Widger (5) 64 B IR719 EDERITHAN 30SF Ø.S.) (Net Y Alleson) A Horites 9-11-7 W Mouston 4 42P445 ROYAL RAVEN 14 (G.) (A Welles) J Gahard 8-11-7 A RAVEN 14 (G.) (A Welles) J Gahard 8-11-7 A RAVEN 14 (G.S.) (L Meaderly 18 Backlet 11-11-7 A RAVEN 17 C Liewellyn 124 3-230P SEE ENOUSEH 14 (G.S.) (L Meaderly 18 Backlet 11-11-7 A RAVEN 17 C Liewellyn 124 G 4P3654 BALLY LIRA 16 (S) (V Thome) P Redicter 7-11-2 G 6 Burnough 100

BETTING: 4-5 Spring Double, 5-1 Ballybollen, 8-1 High Tayne, 10-1 See Ercuiph, 12-1 Royal Raven, Bally Lira. 20-1 Classal King, 25-1 pilners.

Ballyhollen beaten a dictance 3rd of 6 to Phor Lees Hassie in novice hardle at Phangton (2rd 4t barry). Duminicks Town neaten a dictance 6th of 14 to beaten a distance 4th of 8 to Magadou in novice chases at Taumon (2rd 3t, good to 50th), previously beaten a distance 4th of 8 to Magadou in novice chase at Chelsenham (2rd 3t, good to 50th), previously beaten a distance of the section of 15 to Legal Regiot in novice chase at Chelsenham (2rd 3th of 19 to Legal Regiot in novice chase at Phangton (3rd 11 th) (3rd 3th (3rd 3t

SPRING DOUBLE books worse but form and ten benefit from having his sights lowered

Buck's Palace heet Lady Di Gordoerno 2 in 9 numer nevero hardle at Utports (3m 110yd, heavy), previously besten a distance fish of 10 to Samark heat Gentle Rivage (1to worze off 5 in 9-mars nover hardle at Kampton (2m 12, sold). Storm Castio
heat Master Riches neck in 12-numer mades hardle at Tautom (3m 110yd, good to sold), previously 42 2nd of
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14 to Winstain Rium in moveh hardle at Tautom (3m 110yd, good), previously beat Bora Bora 171 in 6-normer
mass, novek burde at Lingblied (2m 31 110yd, heavy), Grethe Rivage 4.1 2nd of 19 to Perfect Fellow in maden hardle at Stratford (2m 61 110yd, soff) on penulamate start.

3.50 PRESTIGE NOVICES HURDLE (Grade II: £9,555: 3m) (5 r

BETTING: 7-4 Kingsmark, 2-1 Kates, Charm, 9-2 Book's Palace, 6-1 Genille Rivage, 10-1 Storm Castle.

3.20 GILLIE'S HOVICES CHASE (£3,870: 3m) (10 runners)

#### RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

#### Catterick

Going: good to soft, becoming soft 2.00 (2m hd/e) 1, MSSCONDUCT (A Mague 4-11 fzn); 2, Madge NcSphanh U, Wyer, 33-1), 3, Carrol Again (G F Ryan, 50-1), ALSO RAN 9-1 Back To Bawana, 9 My Desperado, 16 American, Cruz Santa, 20 Supreme Targel (4th), Targishan (6th), 25 Freckes, 33 The Grey Bay (3dt), 50 Li-lle Kermy, Singing Scaly, 66 AP Our Blessings, Permetal Foulee 15 ran, 5, 9, 11, 9, 11 Mrs. Memia Jares at Lamboum, Totel 1, 50 Li 10, 21 10, 24 40, 57 10 DF \$14 00. CSF, 124 62 Tricest; 201 05.

CSP. 124 62 YMCSST S401 05.
230 12m holes 1, WILD HADEER (B Greg-tan, 3-1) 2, Willywillow (F J Flood, 11-4); 3.
The Lambton Worm (G F Ryan, 14-1); ALSO RAN, 9-4 for E. Go (Str), 5 Meldrum. Park, 6 Vrangel (Str), 7 Berdan, 14 Academy, Units, 15 Paris It Black, 20 Canadian Farras, (Sri), 25 Georgey, 65 Berhar, 13 Isin NR, Morring Amor, Parise Mo, d'Amour, 51 21 21; 71, 15 John R Upson at Adstone, 10 in, 52 40; 83 80, \$1 30, 53 70, UP 17-6 40, CSP, 17:29 08.

3.00 (2m 3l chi 1, BANKER COUNT (AP McCoy, 10-17 by, Thomderer's rep); 2, Teletheth (\*\* Marston, 25-1) 3, Echols of Treinthenin (W. Karston, 25-1) 3. Echolic of Demon 18. Sumple 14-1). ALSO FAIN THE Charmong Admiral (Ath), 20 Fain d'Estinival (5th), 25 Mercard (6th), 35 Dunisdomes, 50 Eave Men. Faustrisce Lady, Just Med. Marchant Morg. 31 man. NR. Jessolle. Onpusionn, Finite Sivile 2. Ind. Shind, 23, dist. M. VV. Escherby at Shortif Humon. Tote: 160, 51 no. 55 at 51 40. DF. \$13.40 CSF. \$226.24

CSF S26.24
3.30 (2m St hote) 1, TIFASI (W Marson, 10-1); 2, Beel Fire (R Willerson, 25-1); 3, Wyebony Fiyer (A Maguere, 11-2 lav), 4, Consents Grott (R Thombon, 8-1), ALSO RAN 6-1 Clarensan (Sd), 8, Bajo, Kind Prince, Kings Hussar Pattennier (shi), 14 Mill Orchic, Peep O Dey, 20 Sheamile Mas, 25 Lord Fleebeack, Murrad, 33 Brittolate Fortine Hopper, 50 Arrange A Game, 17 ran, NP, Durston Heath, Lenacar Lane Members Welcomo, Pancoras Lord (2\*), 7, rk, 11, 31 M Williamson at Berbow, Table 153 70, 5180, 5160, 51120, 5150

1 Major . 7 1

4.00 (3m 11 110)rd hole) 1. TO-DAY TO-DAY (R Supple, 18-11, 2, Polar King (M Foster, 6-1); 3, 5m The Marr (L Cooper, 5-1) ALSO RAN, 5-2 tav Shardante, 7 Don-nogale (4m), 10 Pening The Woves, To-ping Tina, 16 Chanson d'Amour, 20 Angy Netive, Bonny Rigg (5th), Cedayort, 11 ren, NR: Asiec Flyer, Boundtohonour, Branch End, Far Firmsh, Highteld Gent 34, 19, Ind ded, L Lungo at Carothers-town, Tote, 512,00, 53.90, 53.10, 53.10, DF, 542.30, CSF, 567.39, Tinast, 5312.16, 4, 20, Ced. 11, 1900/CF, DE SARTER, 67

DF: 24230 CSF: S07.39 I mass. S31216.
4.30 Cm chi 1, PRINCE OF SARNTS (B. Harding, 7-2); 2, Golden Helto (Mr.) P.Mc-Nemara, 5-1); 3, Minster Glory (A P.Mc-Coy, 7-4 tay), ALSO RAN: 11-4 Tales Cock (Sth), 14 Tapetch (4th), 50 Aritur Bee, 6 rat, NR; Zstad, 7, 7, 3, 151, M Harrarond at Middleham, Tole, 5480, \$1.80, \$1.10.
DF: \$17.10. CSF; \$18.28 

gley, Tobe: \$5.80, \$3.00, \$2.30, \$2.80 OF \$11.40, CSF: \$22.07. Jackpot: Not won - pool of £35,725.37 car-ned over to Wolverhampton today. hampton today. Placepot: £847.00. Quadpot: £50.50.

Leicester Gologic soft, becoming heavy 2.20- (2m 4f-110yd ch) 1. Cathestne's Way (MA Fizgaradi, 5-1); 2. Chemial Style (8-1); 3. The Hatcher (11-1). Sister Gale 9-2 lav. 11 ran. 22. 31 Andrew Turnel Tote: 53.70; 52.70; 51.60; 51.50 221.30 CSF, E38,47. Tricast: 5279.10
2.50 (2m / 1 110)d ch ) 1, Bligd (M A Fri2gorald, 11-2); 2, Modern Muck (11-4 #lay); 3, Jazzmen (4-1) Liver Bird (4th 11-4
#lay); 4, Liver Bird (4th 11-4
#lay); 5, Liver Bird (4

mon Earle, Tota: £15.50; £8.40, £1.90, DF; £8.70, CSF; £25.81, 3.50 (2m 71 10) of ch) 1, Lothian Commander (G. Bradley, 8-1); 2, Samuel Wildorspin (4-8 fav); 3, Sweep Clean (7-1), 5 mon. Sh. hd, diet. D. McColah, Tota: £13.00; £1.20, £1.10, DF; £3.20, CSF; £10.66. 4.20 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1; Romancar (C Llewaityn, 13-8); 2, Shring Vision (5-4 tay) 5 ran, Hd. N Twiston-Device, Tole: £2,40; £1,00, £6 40 OF: £3,80, CSF; £3,98. 4.50 (2m 11 ch) 1, Centuur Express (M A Fitogeratd, 9-4 (4-44); 2. Northern Saddler 8-4 (4-44); 3. Bouleverd Bay (5-2), 5 ran. Nft-Colonel Biszer 18, 20, A Streets, Tote: £2.40; £1.90, £1.80. DF: £2.00. CSF £7.11. Placepot £17.20. Ocadpot £3.10.

Lingfield Park

Geing: standard 2.10 (1m 5) 1, Bigwig (Mr / Mongan, 10-11 taw, 2, Catariment (8-11; 3, Shenghai Uf (9-2) 12 ran (NF) Double Pright, 3; 3; G L Moore Tote, 5; 50, 51 10, 53 60, 51,80, DF: 59,10, CSF: 57.49, Treast, 523.50 2.40 (SI) 1. Bowdite Grange (J Farring, 4-1); 2. Half Tone (7-4 tax); 3. Dande Tones (10-1), 7 rat. 11, 3. O Chapman Tote: \$5.10. 12.50, \$1 10. DF \$5.50 (SS; \$10.05 LCDU X1 10 UP 15:50 CSF: £10.05 3.10 (1m 2) 1, Shaner Neitve (K Sked, 8-15 fav); 2, Wild Nedle (14-1); 3, Manifec Pincess (4-1), 6 ran 18, 1/4, 8 Hris, Tote; £2.00; £1.00, £1.40, £4.10, DP £5.10, CSF: £9.32.

CSF: £9.32.
3.40 (1m.2) 1, Powder River (Deen McK-eown, 6-1); 2, Philister (9-1); 3, Sick As A Parrot (18-1). Totom 3-1 tav. 14 ran. 213, 114, K Burke. Tote: £8.70; £8.10, £3.80.
52.50. DF: £30.10. Tote Tribects: £4,443.20.
- part won (pool of £3,817.41 carned forward to Wolvertempton 5-15 today). CSF: £58.03. Tricast: £788.30.
4.10 (27rg. 1, Shearer SRK, L) Culmin, events tay); 2, Hark (7-2). 3, Packauk (5-1). 6 ran. Shind, 3, W Musson. Tote: £1.80, £1.10.
51.40. DF: £3.10. CSF: £1.00.
4.40 (1rm) 1, Casades Burning L) Weaver.

THE ASSETIMES

2.00 flahabad, 2.30 Ardent Scout, 3.00 SCOT-

7.30AM INSPECTION

2.00 HAREWOOD NOVICES HURDLE

1 F421 CHEEF WARDANCE 11 (D.F.5) Hrs S Lamyman S-11-7 R Farrant 99 2 1045 NOSHBIANASON TI (G,S) ALW Exserby S-11-7 R Thomson 85

-4 Beaustering Mag. 2-1 Bahatani, 5-2 Unics Warsanse, 10-1 Louise Inclairannillau, 15-1 Called, 20-1 Tempo, Saper Horsad, 33-1 others.

Evens Mile Dec. 2-1 Action Scool, 3-1 Grain D'Estraval, 50-7 The Other Man.

(£2,819: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

#### 3.30 HELMSLEY HOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£5,670: 2m) (5)

1 2131 BALLESMADDEN 15 (CD.6.5) R Fabey 7-11-10 \_F Calleghon 109
2 UZFT TOURDRY LANE 37 (CD.6.5) Mr. M Rendey 6-11-0 Mr. A Demosey (3) 115
3 1112 BARNBURGH BOY 11 (D.8.5) 1 Exercity 5-11-7 \_L West [523]
4 2113 HANGEN OUT TO DRY 16 (D.6.5) E James 6-10-7 G Bendey 317
5 2521 CASTLETOWN COUNT 23 (6.5) M W Exsterity 7-10-6
R Thomason 116 2-1 Foundry Lane, 9-4 Barnburgh Boy, 5-1 Balleswirkthen, Hang'am Dut 1a Dry, 6-1 Cardistown Count.

4.00 HOECHST ROUSSEL PARACUR EBF MARES 'NH' NOVICES HURDLE (£3,144: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

4-7 January, 5-2 Ningeroie, 7-1 Astrong Venture, 16-1 Traple Trumph.

4.35 EAST KESWICK HANDICAP CHASE (£5,573: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 425U BRIGHTER SHADE 2 (CDF.S) No. M Revolet 0-11-10 P Nimon 112 2 3042 BOLLDEN HELLO 56 (C.F.G.S.) 1 Except, 8-11-9 3 APA NATURE AND 15-10 Months 11-11 Mr A Decreasy (3) (CSR) 3 -394 HACK RAR 15 ID G St D McCom 11-11 6-4 Golden Helto, 9-4 Bugster Static, 5-2 Hag's Way, 10-1 Back Bar, 100-1 Moo-

5.05 ASKHAM BRYAN HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,443: 2m) (9)

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

TRANERS: T Eastesty, 32 winners from 144 numers, 22.2%, Mrs M Rove-ley, 36 from 174, 20.7%, J lagales, 3 from 15, 20 0%, Mrs S Smith, 19 from 103, 16 4%, P Beausner, 19 from 60, 16.7%, G M Moosa, 7 from 45, 15 6% JOCKEYS: A Demosey, 4 waynes: from 8 roles, 66.7%, M A Rizgerald. from 14, 28.6%, 5 Durack, 8 from 30, 26.7%, L Wyer, 43 from 163, 26.4%, P Mhen, 27 from 133, 20.3%, A Magure, 13 from 66, 19.7%

# 4.20 HUNTSMAN'S HANDICAP CHASE (£5,680: 3m) (9 runners)

Linno handican: Herhorse 9-13, Bentarion Lancister 7-13.

BETTING. 7-4 Spanking Cone. 5-1 Oban, 7-1 With tropundy, Orsavell Lad. Miss Debut. 8-1 Brave Highlander. Ma yors Legary, 20-1 others.

Spentling Come best Alajors Lagacy 71 in 7-tumor handicap chase at 10-weester (2m 11, heavy) on perudireate start. Brave Highlander 321 7th unity 171 3rd of 5 to fire Outhack Way in hendicap chase at Warriet 2 cm 4 1 110/4, 0 pool to sold. Otherwise 1 handicap chase at Warriet 2 cm 4 1 110/4, 0 pool to sold. Otherwise 1 handicap chase at Warriet 2 cm 4 1 110/4, 0 pool to sold. Otherwise 1 handicap chase at Warriet 2 cm 4 1 110/4, 0 pool to sold. Otherwise 1 handicap chase at Alarmet 2 cm 6 1 cm) likes Deletin 18 3rd of 7 to Kiffmington in handicap chase at Purnetectaria (2m 11 110/4, beavy): previously 61 cml of 8 to Holtytonik Barck in handicap chase grade 2 a Purnetectaria (3m 11 110/4, beavy): previously 62 cml of 8 to Holtytonik Barck in handicap chase at Lauriellad (3m, heavy), previously 24 44 m of 8 to Rightsalathed in handicap chase in handicap chase at 1 lauriellad (3m, heavy), previously page 1 both Martin 11 to 5-more kandicap chase at 1 handicap chase at 1 lauriellad (3m, heavy), previously page 1 both Martin 11 to 5-more kandicap chase at 1 handicap chase at 1 lauriellad (2m 41 10/4, 2m) Benjamin Laurielster 671 6th of 7 to Northern Saddler in handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110/4, norty).

WITH IMPUNITY ran on well when getting his second wind on his reappearance and should now strip fine

#### 4.55 GAMEKEEPER'S HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,418: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

1 31PPP- THE FRENCH RIRZE: 28F (D.F.6) (J Emis, 9 Practick 5-12-0 ... Air N Febily (7) 2 6-2055 DECUTIVE DECISION 11 (8.0.5) (E Guirer) P Nicholts 5-11-3 ... ... J Tizzard (828) 3 131443 DED PRINTERED 11 (D.S.) (M & A Hanini S Bronicipae 9-10-19 ... X Alzapur (S. 148) 4 3-3634 DETLINA 18 (BF.D.F.S) (M:s 9 Hamphres) Miss H Knight 6-18-7 ... ... J Guilety 111 5 685111 PICKET PIECE 19 (D.S) (Mis. J Mould) 9 Nicholson 9-10-6 ... ... A D NICCOV 121 8 24 HEROS FATAL 26 (D.S.) (F Farant) M Pipe 5-10-5 ... ... ... A P NICCOV 121

BETTING: 9-4 Picket Piece, 7-2 Dictum, 4-1 Hope Fatal, 9-2 Executive Decision, Land Ruchfield, 20-1 The French

Emecutive Discission 141 Stn of 8 to Young Spartacus in handicap hards at Warnick (2nt, good to soil); previously 844 5th of 7 to Moorien in handicap hards at April 2nd 141 and 141 a PICKET PIECE has shown progressive form and has a good opening here to extend his winning sequence

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINERS 46.7 30.2 26.0 21.3 19.8 16.5 13.2 12.5 89 15 96 80 187 109 38 24 56 O Nicholson M Pipe N Tweston-Davies 9 Atner 6 Clawellyn J Sillynd

**RICHARD EVANS** Nap: IN THE BLOOD (2.20 Chepstow) The Philip Philos insured chaser looks supuble of defying a lith rise in the leading a little with the leading state. Next best Majors Legary (4.26 Chepston)



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#### THUNDERER MAIL LAD (nep), 3.30 Foundry Lane, 4.00 Kingen-nie, 4.35 Brighter Shade, 5.05 Eastern Project.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES)

(£2,723: 2m) (10 runners)

3 BEAUCHARP (DRG 144F G A Budler 6-11-2 M A Regionald 4-00P CAROMESI 75 J Macker 6-11-2 - M S Regionald 5-1-5 P-53 LOBBHEALDING 140 N Richards 5-11-2 - R Supple 5-1-5 P-53 LOBBHEALDING 140 N Richards 5-11-2 - R Supple 5-1-53 LOBBHEALDING 140 N Richards 5-11-2 - A Dobbin 5-1-2 P-5 P-53 LOBBHEALDING 140 N Richards 6-11-2 - A S Smith 5-1-5 P-54 Regional 5-1-2 - R Supple 5-1-2 R Sup

2.30 MARK COCKER NOVICES CHASE (£3,841: 3m 1f) (4)

3.00 MICKLETHWAITE HANDICAP HURDLE

4 4113 SCUTIMAE LAD 25 (CD.F.E.5) 6 M Moore 5-11-6 N Haprity (5) 90 5 1-19 MARY'S FEEL MIGS 76 (F.5) M Hammond 8-10-9

5 3040 APOLLO'S DAUGHTER 18 (F,G) J-Gouden 11-10-0 L Cooper (7) 2-1 Statemal Lad, 11-4 Mary's Feelings, 4-1 King Per, 9-2 Executive Design, 70-1 Stur San, 13-1 Apollu's Campiter.

# Weight River City

2.10 Rouge, 2.40 Elite Hope, 3.10 Flying Officer. 3.40 King Priam. 4.10 Pasha. 4.45 C-Harry. 5.15 Hill Farm Dancer.

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING **GOING: STANDARD** DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2,10 YOU MUST BE JOKING JULIA - HALF

CENTURY MAIDEN STAKES (£2,843: 1m 100yd) (13 numbers) 

6-4 Rouge, 4-1 Goodleye Goldstone, 8-1 State Word, 8-1 Telamore, 18-1 Gevity, 12-1 Posicie Wolf, 14-1 Flossy, 18-1 others.

2.40 LINDA & LESLEY HEARLY A CENTURY CLAIMING STAKES (Div !: £1,665: 71) (8) 

P Bradley (7) 5 206 5065 SING FOR ME 8 (C) R Hollieshead 4-7-12 ... P M Quien (7) 1 5-2 Samuer, 3-1 Elife Hope, 9-2 Bed Quest, 5-1 Foole Lady, 8-1 Ongot, Ron's Pet, 25-1 Laurachne Lagend, Sing Fig. Me.

3.10 TAURUS CONDITIONS STAKES (25,332: 71) (6)

304 2-11 WEETHAN'S WEIGH 21 (CD.F.G.S) R Horizottad 6-9-4 305 4345 CLASSY CLEO 7 (BFF.C.S) P Sens 4-3-13. T 6 McLauphin 8 306 -112 FLYMG OFFICER 27 (BF.CO) M Prescut 3-3-8 .... T Spritz 3 7-4 Philog Ollaco, 7-2 Wederson's Wreigh, 3-2 Classy Cleo, 11-2 Clarisond White, 7-1 Beld Edical, 10-1 Italian Symptomy.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Wolverhampton: 4.10 Nicholas Mistress, Habibi, Real Ting. Chapstow: 320 Glacial King, 4.55 Executive Decision. Wetherby: 5.05 Earp.

#### 3.40 LEO HANDICAP [SHOWCASE RACE] (£6,743: 1m 11 79yd) (7)

407 B1-0 WEET-A-MINUTE 49 (CD.F.S) 9 Hollinshead 6-10-0
A Cathane 7
402 050- TEMERAIRE 65J (F) R Ingram 4-9-4
403 4165 SURLTACH 7 (CD.F.S) R Hollinshead 6-9-4
404 0712 THERRYAATI 15 (BF.CD) M Johnston 48-7
405 2463 NING PRIAM 7 (S.B) M Politice 4-8-1
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By Russell Kempson

WIMBLEDON are renowned for being at their most dangerous when wounded, but, surprisingly, they have responded in lukewarm fashion since the Worthington Cup semi-final defeat against Tottenham Hotspur two weeks ago Tame draws against Aston Villa and Everton have made a mockery of their 'up and at 'em' reputation.

Joe Kinnear, the Wimhledon manager, will point to a catalogue of injuries that have torn the heart from his squad, but the club's season could peter out into mid-table obscurity unless he sparks his play-

ers into action.

Tonight, Wimbledon play Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough. not the easiest of games in which to signal a revival in fortunes. Wimbledon are without a victory in their past nine league and cup matches, while Wednesday have won four of their past five outings in the FA Carling Premiership.

scoring 13 goals.
"All the lads were disappointed after losing to Tottenham." Nell Sullivan, the Wimbledon goalkeeper, said yesterday, "but we've got over it now and we still feel we have a good chance of qualifying for Europe. There's no way we're

going to give up."

It will need a Herculean effort from Wimbledon, who lie two points above Wednesday, for them to qualify for the Uefa Cup next season via a high finish in the Premiership, but they are already contemplating an alternative route. Kinnear recently made encouraging noises about entering the Intertoto Cup. the close-season competition for Europe's nearly men.

"Il has been mentioned." Sullivan said, "I gather it starts in late July, which could affect our summer holidays, but if that's what it takes for us to get into Europe, then that's what we've got to do.'

Io the Nationwide League first division, Barnsley attempt to concentrate their minds ahead of their FA Cup quarter-final against Tottenham when they take on Bradford City at Oakwell this evening. Bradford have lost only one of their past 13 league matches. Queens Park Rangers, without a

win in nine games, meet Oxford United at Loftus Road in an encounter that could alleviate either club's fears of relegation.

Swindon Town play Tranmere Rovers at the County Ground in a fixture that has little link with either promotion or relegation. Tranmere have built a sequence of three wins and three draws.

#### Richard Hobson on a rewarding time for a bright young manager

# O'Leary leads by example



O'Leary has made a big impact at Elland Road after succeeding George Graham in October

manager. The club wanted to see what I could do and whether Leeds United was in safe hands. Now they want me to take the club and the youngsters on for the next five years and I am delighted.

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"f did not have any doubt about it. Then when he said he wanted me to stay for longer 1 just asked:

'How long?' He came up with the five-year period, not me.

"People have said that a successful manager needs to learn his trade in the lower leagues, but I do not necessarily agree. I have always been in the top flight of English football and that has been a great education. I learnt a lot from

George, but there are certain things I do differently. This is my team now because I am the manager and this is the way we play."
"They want all the youngsters to commit themselves in that way

and they thought the first thing to do is get the manager to let them know he's staying."

On present form, Leeds must be fancied to remain above Aston Villa, whose confidence has drained as their position in the table has deteriorated. The main concern for O'Leary is the way that injuries have bitten into the squad with Hiden, Molenaar and Kelly all long-term absentees and David Batty beginning a comeback only recently.

However, any signings will be for the long term rather than a quick fix. He said: "I need to add quality in some positions and I hope I get the backing from the

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board. Only time will tell if that proves to be the case. But what I will not do is panic buy and give people the excuse to describe me as a naive, young manager."

In contrast, problems are mount-ing for O'Neill. Emile Heskey has struggled with a back injury for three months and lasted for just 45 minutes on Monday before being re-placed by ian Marshall, himself short of full match fitness. The England Under-21 striker said that he intends to see a specialist and may miss the Worthington Cop had against Tottenham Hotspur on March 2L

"I have had this problem for three. months and the worrying thing is that it is not getting any better," Heskey said. "f rest it up and come back into games, but then its goes again and I just couldn't continue on Monday for the second half.

O'Neill said: "The back problem that Emile is suffering from is giving us cause for concern. He has had a problem finishing games in recent weeks."

#### Goldberg's dream approaches sad end

By JOHN GOODBODY

CRYSTAL PALACE the Nationwide League first division club, is expected to go into administration today. The directors are expected to accept the inevitable at a board meeting at Selhurst Park. Mark Goldberg, the chairman, faces the prospect of paying the £500,000 wages owing to the staff and players out of his own pocket. No one was prepared to comment officially at the club yesterday, but an announcement is expected after the board meeting. If administrators are called in, it

will be a sorry end to what began as a flamboyant adventure last summer. Goldberg, the archetypal boyhood supporter turned club director, had become a millionaire largely by running a successful recruitment agency in Kent. He decided to buy Crystal Palace for £23.5 million from Ron Noades, the long-established chairman. who had built up the club. Noades has retained ownership of the ground and also the training centre, although he is now the owner of Brentford.

Goldberg's first move last July was to persuade Terry Venables to join him at the club where the former England coach first made his name as manager. Venables's salary was believed to be more than £1 million a year.

However, within two months, both Noades and Venables said that Goldberg had over-reached himself financially. Noades said of the takeover: "It was a stupid deal for him to do." Venables said: "I believe that buying the club has stretched him more than he thought it would."

In November, Noades issued a writ against over the alleged non-repayment of a £1.5 million loan and, by January, Venables was admitting that that he had agreed to take over at Selhurst Park because he believed he would have ample money for players. This had not materialised. Instead, Palace were forced to sell Matt Jansen, their outstanding striker, to Blackburn Rovers for £4.5 million in January. The same month, Venables stood down as head coach, being retained as a part-time consultant. Coppell took over as manager for

the third time in his career. Yesterday Coppell was trying to maintain a cheerful air as he took the club to play Sheffield United. He said: "I am a director of the club, but I don't know the ins and outs of the situation. However, I do know that tomorrow is a very important day."

# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Here is another deal featuring Paul Soloway:

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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b. A landowner

c. A boyfriend

**GALIGNANI** 

b. An aperitif

c. A paper

a. A thornproof tweed

Answers on page 38

This classic declarer-play problem arose in a Vanderbilt knock-out teams match. Both teams involved reached Three No-Trumps, which should be defeated easily enough.

Soloway's team-mate led a top heart and shifted to a spade, which beat the con-tract easily enough - declarer could not make more than three spades, two diamonds

and three clubs.
Soloway received a low heart lead at trick one and won East's ten with his queen. The auction had been very revealing, suggesting as it did that not only were hearts 4-4, but also that the spade finesse would be right. The winning play has a

pleasing elegance.
At trick two Soloway cashed one top club and then played the queen of diamonds. If West wins his only possible chance is to play the king of spades, but you can now come to nine tricks via

GALAX

a. A solar system

c. An evergreen

BELLUM

a. A boat

b. An Australian braggart

b. Third stomach of cow

c. A beautiful thing

four spades, one heart, one diamond and three clubs. It is much better for him to

path into the first team at Manches-

ter United that the likes of Beck-

ham and the Nevilles followed has

such a alemed group of young players emerged together with such brio. "I think the chairman

feels I can take the club forward," O'Leary said. "I hope at the end of

the five years, we can be genuine contenders for the title. At the

moment, we are not quite that,

although I believe we are getting

Ridsdale told me I had done very

well under George. He had confi-

dence in me, but said I needed to

prove I was capable of being a

"When I accepted the Job, Mr

closer all the time,

Next Soloway played the jack of clubs and it was East's turn to have no winning solution. Again, if he wins this and plays a spade to the king and ace, you have your nine tricks (four spades. one heart, two diamonds and two clubs). If instead they cash their hearts and exit in another suit, you cash the ace of clubs and take the spade finesse. That allows you three tricks in the majors, two diamonds and

So East has to duck the jack of clubs. Now, with five tricks in the minors to go with one heart. Soloway simply played ace and another spade, establishing three tricks there for his contract. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

# KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov leads

At half-time in the Linares super-tournament where each player has met every opponent once, Garry Kasparov leads by a full point. Remarkably. all three of his wins have come with the normally disadvanta-geous black pieces. The cross-table at the foot of this column gives the complete scores at the halfway stage. White: Veselin Topalov

Black: Garry Kasparov Linares 1999 Sicilian Defeace

Diagram of final position 

**4** LINARES 1999

WINNING MOVE

In the above lable, 1 represents a win, % a draw and 0 a loss

By Raymond Keene

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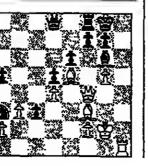
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White to play. This position is from the game Braghetta — Grosar, Bratto 1998. How did White create a bottleneck in the black position which led to a quick win for him?

Solution on page 38



THE PROPERTY. ■ TERRY VENABLES has ruled out a return to the job of England coach after Kevin Keegan's four-match tenure.

He said: "It's too late. I am no longer interested. If I was going to be the next manager, it would have happened by now. I think the FA would have let Keegan have anything to take the job just as long as it wasn't me." ■ Duncan Ferguson's return to the Newcastle United first team could be a month away. Rund Gullit, the Newcastle manager, said yesterday. The Scotland forward, who injured his groin against Liverpool nine weeks ago, will begin intensive running next Monday and is unlikely to be considered until the trip to Derby County on April 3. ■ Thomas Ravelli, the former Sweden goalkeeper, has announced his retirement from football. Ravelli, 39, who played for Sweden a world record 143 times, played his last match in the United States in November.

FA charges warring pair

GRAEME LE SAUX and Robbie Fowler have both been charged with misconduct by the Football Association after their confrontation during Chelsea's 2-1 victory over Liverpool at Stamford Bridge on

Saturday. Le Saux, the Chelsea full back, appeared to elbow Fowler after being taunted by the Liverpool striker. The FA made its decision after studying video evidence and the pair have 14 days to appeal.

The FA has accepted Paolo Di Canio's explanation for not attending a meeting with Graham Bean, its compliance officer, yesterday. Bean was due to meet the Italian striker to discuss his recent outburst over Paul Alcock, the referee, but Di Canio has instead gone home to visit a sick relative. The meeting has been rescheduled for next week.

Di Canio said last week that Alcock had not allowed him to "clear matters up" after his 11-game suspension for pushBy Our Sports Staff

ing over Alcock while playing for Sheffield Wednesday against Arsenal in September. The Marco Branca saga took another twist last night when Middlesbrough contradicted reports that their Italian striker had been given the striker had been given the go-ahead to resume his career.

ous knee injury last April and, after an abortive comeback earlier this season, the club's medical specialist, Andrew Webber, recommended that Branca should retire.

The player's demands for a second opinion were finally accepted by Middlesbrough and after consulting David Dandy, a knee specialist, the club said on Monday that Branca would rejoin his team-

mates for training yesterday. However, that was countered in a statement from the club last night. The statement read: "Branca's optimism is jumping the gun somewhat as a club spokesman says that the draft report from Mr Dandy indicates he is in agree-ment with the earlier consultant who believed that Branca's knee is not up to the stresses and strains of professional football. It seems that Mr Dandy has not given the green light Branca hoped he would

#### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

#### Sharks may just be out of their depth

DESPITE recent heavy rain, the opening JJB Super League game between Wigan Warri-ors and Hull Sharks on Friday is not yet in doubt (Christo-

However, with the river that is adjacent to Central Park having bursts its banks and the pitch drains blocked, a muddy spectacle is hardly the ideal advertisement for the start of a fourth "summer" season.

Wigan are due to move to their new 25,000-capacity stadium at Robin Park in September in time for the top-five play-offs, which this season have been slightly amended to reward teams finishing higher by giving them extra recovery time between the qualifying matches and semi-finals.

Though evens favourites to retain their title, Wigan will be relying far more than last season on a crop of talented youngsters, including Mike Smith, 17, a promising hooker, who is expected to make his de-

At the launch of the 1999 season yesterday. Maurice Lindsay, the Super League Europe managing director, said: "There have been seasons

when it has been a question of who will come second to Wigan, but the greater compe-tition from the likes of Leeds and Bradford mean that is no longer the case."

> Club-by-club guide to the 1999 JJB Super League

TOMORROW

Darren Turner, the Sheffield Eagles forward, has been fined £1,000, with £500 suspended for 12 months, and severely reprimanded by the Rugby Football League for making a gesture to the crowd after he was sent to the sin-bin during a Silk Cut Challenge Cup-tie at Salford Reds last month. He is already serving a six-match ban for a dangerous tackle in the same match.

Suggest ethics and a success.

#### **SPORT IN BRIEF**

■ CRICKET: Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh, who were both injured during the tour of South Africa, are fit again and have been named in the West Indies squad for the first Test with Australia, which starts on Friday at Queen's Park Oval, Port of Spain. Carl Hooper could not be considered because he is with his family in Australia.

WEST INDIES SQUAD: a CLara (captain), S.L. Campbell, S. Ragoonath, O.R.E. Joseph, J.C. Adams, R.I. C. Holder, P.V. Simmons, L. Roberts, R.D. Jacobs, C.A. Walsh, C.E. L. Antorose, M. Dalon, R.O. King, P. Colins, C. Colymore.

■ BOXING: Paul Jones, of Sheffield, has said that the brawl at the Oldham Leisure Centre on Saturday, in which a man died, has convinced him to give up boxing. Jones, who lost his Commonwealth middleweight championship to Jason Matthews after being disqualified for holding, 32, said: "If this is what comes with boxing. I'm out. I'll never fight again."

BOWLS: Tina Burgess, from Wellingborough, won the Champion of Champions' singles title at the fsca Centre, Exeter, yesterday when she beat Helen Wall, from Church Gresley, 21-16 in the final, Wall, who reached the semi-finals of the national under-31 championship last year, led 14-10 after 16 ends, but dropped 11 shots over the next seven.

SAILING: Prada Challenge, of Italy, had the best of a brisk day of racing on Auckland's Waitemata Harbour yesterday to lead after the first of four round-robins in the 1999 Road to America's Cup regatta. The Italian crew, skippered by Francesco de Angelis, finished on two points, with the French Le Delfi crew, skippered by Bertrand Pace, on one point.

■ BADMINTON: Joanne Goode has been seeded twice at the centenary Yonex All-England championships at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham next week. Goode and Simon Archer are seeded to reach the last eight of the mixed doubles, while Goode and Donna Kellogg are also seeded to reach the quarter finals of the women's doubles.

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AS IN politics, so too, in rugby. The question of Europe has run like a fault line through the game, a running, divisive sore that for more than a year has steadfastly defied solution. The indications are, however, that the future of the European Cup either as it stands, or in a re-constituted form, should become clearer next week. There are grounds for optimism that some agreement can be reached although, in the meanome, cutting through the fog of claim and counter-claim of the spin doctors is no

Ironically, it is football that might hold the key that breaks the logiam about who ultimately controls what - the issue that lies at the heart of the debilitating dispute between the clubs, in the form of English First Division Rugby (EFDR), and European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC). It is being suggested the way in which the FA Premier League runs the FA Carling Premiership offers a template that, with modification, could be replicared by the formation of a new body controlling European rugby, which would meet the bulk of the require-

ments of all parties.
The Football Association has a shareholding in the Premier League, a largely autonomous body responsible for its own domesoc fixtures, and commercial and television deals. However, the FA's shareholding - in exceptional circumstances - gives it power of veto, such as if a Premiership club wanted to join a European Super League. "Then the buck stops with us." Steve Double, an FA spokes-man, said. "Fifa and Uefa only deal with us as the governing body."

That could go a long way to ap-peasing ERC, which feels that the

Mark Souster says

rugby union can reach agreement by copying football

English clubs seek ultimate control and want to hijack the competition for their own financial ends without regard for the greater good of the game. ERC is adamant that it will not compromise on what it sees as its duty. While insistent that the core principle is upheld, it has indicated it is prepared to give ground on commercial issues. A source close to ERC said yesterday: "Certain rights have 10 be ring-fenced. because you can't have clubs who only have their individual interests at heart. But we have come a long

way to meeting other demands." The clubs are adamani that ERC does not have the commercial nous to maximise income, but, according



to sources close to EFDR, it understands the principle that there has to be a governing body. "There is no perfect soludon. With negodadon, anything is possible. We give a bit, they give a bit," he said. Personalides aside, with such opimistic pales and proposed to the propos tic noises emanating from both camps, it does not appear that the differences are irreconcilable. And if there is the will, there surely has to be a way.

If their demands are not met, which include an audit of ERC fi-nances by Arthur Andersen, the ac-countancy firm. England believe that their accord with France means they will kick start a new pan-European tournament consisting of 20 clubs — six French, five or six English, two or three Welsh, three from Ireland, two from Scotland and one from Italy. That was allegedly spelt out by Serge Blanco, the French clubs' representative, to Tom Kiern-an, Glanmor Griffiths and Allan Hosie in Paris on Monday, with an ultimatum that a response should be received by next Tuesday.

However, confusion surrounds Blanco and France's role. England believe they and France are as one. ERC believes they are not. Behind the scenes, ERC remains suspicious of Francis Baron, the Rugby Football Union chief executive, who failed, because of a long-standing personal engagement, to attend an ERC board meeting in Lyons last Saturday. Given Baron's comments about bridge-building, his absence was not well received.

The Tetley's Bitter Cup semi-final between Wasps and Gloucester will take place at Loftus Road on Easter Sunday, April 4. A day of negotia-oons between the RFU, the clubs and BSkyB ended in agreement last

# Ireland watch their weight

IRELAND, anticipating a heavy day and a sky raining high kicks. have called up all the weights that they can muster for the Five Nations Championship meeting with England at Lansdowne Road on Saturday. Victor Costello, the former shot-putter, will play No 8 in a XV where Girvan Dempsey is restored to the left wing after missing the 29-23 win over Wales II days ago.

Costello, at 18st 3lb, has a 2st advantage over Eric Miller and if the game becomes slowed down by soft conditions, his extra physique will be vital in a game in which Ireland will hope to reverse tradioonal roles and outplay England in the set-pieces. Costello damaged ribs in the 10-9 defeat by France last month, leaving Miller to play No 8 ngainst the Welsh at Wembley. Warren Gatland, the coach, is in

the happy position of having four

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

back-row players of quality with whom to juggle in a match that, were Ireland to win, would set them up for a tilt against Scotland for the triple crown. The versatile Miller is likely to play some role during the game since he can play in all three back-row positions, but Gatland's main worry yesterday was in the back division.

Dempsey, having recovered from a bruised hip, returns to the wing at the expense of Niall Woods. but there is a concern over Jonathan Bell, who suffered a dead leg playing for Dungannon at the weekend. The centre could not train at Greystones and if he is forced to withdraw, Rob Henderson will move up and Killian Keane, the Garryowen midfield player, will join the replacements.

"England are the team to beat," Gatland said yesterday. "On their day, they are capable of beating

team in the world." Jason Little, the Australia centre, will miss virtually the whole Super 12 tournament after breaking his collarbone playing for New South Wales against Natal Sharks at the weekend.

Gary Armstrong, the Scotland scrum half and captain, looks doubtful for the international against Italy on Saturday after injuring his arm in training.

RELAND: C M P O'Shea (London Insh); J P Bishop (London Insh), K M Megga (Beth), J C Bell (Dungarnon), G Dempey (Terenus Colege), O G Humphreys (Dungarnon), C D McGuimness (S Mary's Colege), P M Clohessy (Corpo Morstel), P M Coleges D S Young Murster), K G M Wood (Harlequints), P S Wallace (Saraces), P S Johns Saraces, captain), J Wallace (Saraces), P S Johns Saraces, captain), J M Davidson (Castres), O O'Coinneagnin (Sale), A J Ward (Ballynamich), Y C P Costello (Si Neur's College), Replacements: R A J Handmann (Wasps), E P Elwood (Galweglare), C J Scally (UCD), E R P Miller (Ferrura College), M J Galwey (Sharaco), J M Fitzpatrick (Dungannon), R P Needale (Newcastle)

# Coulthard driven into corner

Kevin Eason finds

the Melbourne public still wary of Formula One

t was left to David Coulthard vesterday to face up to the damage done to the reputaoon of Formula One by the act that he assumed would be regarded as gentlemanly conduct. His decision to move over to al-

low Mika Hakkinen, his teammate, to win the Australian Grand Prix last year because of a pre-race pact caused uproar and left a bit-ter taste behind in Melbourne as the Formula One circus went on its way around the world.

As grandstands, loudspeakers and giant television screens were erected in the city's Albert Park for the first grand prix of this season. Coulthard and his McLaren team were left in no doubt that the Australian public would not accept a similar outcome on Sunday.

Ron Walker, promoter of an event that is claimed to be Australia's biggest one-off sporting spectacle, gave warning that Coulthard and Hakkinen would face massive hostility from the 120,000 spectators in Melbourne if they planned

another pre-race agreement.
"The crowd will be unforgiving," he said. "The people in these grandstands will boo on a scale that the drivers and teams have never heard before if the result is not fair and an outright victory.

"I have heard all the arguments about this being a team sport and that last year's result was part of that, but you cannot have a structured win in sport. You cannot afford to have a sport in which the result looks as though it has been

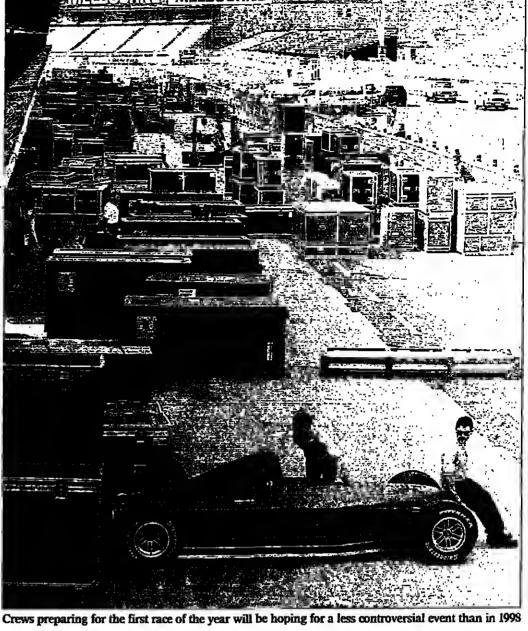
rigged.

"People come to see these guys driving flat out, their engines burning out and overtaking. I am not saying it is a blood sport, but spectators expect to see drivers and teams giving everything to win, not deciding the result between them before they cross the line."

Walker's anger after the race last year forced Max Mosley, the president of the FIA. the sport's governing body, and Bernie Ecclestone, Formula One's ringmaster, to engage in 12 months of shuttle diplomacy to reassure Australians that they would not witness similar events again and help to under-write the confidence of promoters who are putting nearly £23 million into the grand prix.

Team orders were outlawed by Mosley immediately after the 1998 race and he held a press conference here recently to quell fears of a repeat performance.

McLaren's team principal, is unrepentant and says that he reserves the right to decide how his team performs on the track because he wants maximum points for McLaren-Mercedes. He was also the championship and every time I again if ordered by Dennis.



unsympathetic to the thousands of gamblers who bet on Coulthard to vin last year, telling them Formula One was not a sport suited to betting. However, Walker added: "! have spoken to Ron Dennis and he knows that we do not want to see

what happened last year in Melbourne this time around. There is a lot of money on this race this weekend. There are blg screens up in the casinos and there are form guides to the drivers and their cars. People want to be able to

bet on their heroes."

Coulthard does not seem to be a man offering favours again. He acknowledged yesterday that his decision in Australia made a significant impact on his world title challenge last season and that he cannot afford another setback on that scale. "That first race did not help me in terms of

was leading after that, I seemed to have a mechanical problem," he said. "I am not just here to support my team-mate. I am here to win the race and, ultimately, the cham-

Though Coulthard, 27, has been attempting to keep a low profile in

You cannot have a sport in which the result looks to have been rigged'

> Australia, he has been sought out by almost every newspaper and television station simply because of his role the race last year. Every newspaper has a profile of the Scot, with or without an interview, and has posed the question whether Coulthard would move over

That is the level of obsession in Australia with the result last year, although it caused a scandal on both sides of the world, particularly in Great Britain, where betting shops were inundated with angry punters who believed the result

could not stand. Coulthard agreed to pull over only because he was leading the Finn after a team error called Hakkinen into the pits for an unscheduled stop. However, Coulthard dis-

closed later that he had agreed with Hakkinen that the first driver to reach the first corner

would be allowed to go on to win the race. He was surprised by the worldwide condemnation and has also never enjoyed a return favour from his team-mate, a chastening experience for Coulthard but one that might reassure Formula One's audience in the build-up to the first race of the new season.

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#### **SWIMMING**

#### Australia demands fair share

FROM CRAIG LORD IN IMPERIA, ITALY

TO JUDGE by the fixed-jaw determination on the face of Terry Gathercole, the president of the Australian Swinming Federation, the talking may well be tougher than the racing at the final round of the World Cup here.

If many of those who have trawled around the vastly extended 1998-99 World Cup looked travel weary as they enierged from airport buses. the silver-haired Gathercole. fresh off a flight from Melhourne, appeared to be fight-

ing fit.
I don't care if they do reduce the number of rounds, as long as we [Australia] get our two - that's what I'm here to achieve." he said in anticipaoon of the committee-room battle with European nadons that looms at the annual World Cup meeting tomorrow. European nations favour a contracoon of the series to a less expen-

sive four or five events. Gathercole agrees on a reduced number of meets, but he opposes a return to the days when the World Cup was essentially a Europe-based event. The extension to 12 rounds has also had the knockon effect of swimmers being very selective about which of

the 12 events they race at. The headache in the small print of the rules is worse than it might have been for Fina. the international governing body: not only did Christian Keller, of Germany, who leads the medley category of the cup by a wide margin, not compete at the required two "off-continent" events, but the same shortfall applies to the seven men that follow him on the points table. That means that the US\$10,000 first prize may be shared by three virtual unknowns. A decision on that is expected today.

#### FOR THE RECORD

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**SNOOKER** 

#### Wattana rediscovers successful formula

FROM PHIL YATES IN BANGKOK

JAMES WATTANA, who has found inspiration hard to come by of late, delighted a capacity crowd at the Ambas-sador Hotel, Bangkok last night when he defeated Bradley Jones 5-3 in the first round of the Thailand

Masters. In December, Wattana wept on television here while being interviewed after his early individual event of the Asian Games. A similarly embarrassing outcome looked proba-

ble when Jones, the world No 44, established a 3-1 lead. The turning point arrived in the fifth frame. Jones missed a straightforward brown and an equally simple blue to a balk pocket. Wattana made the most of his reprieve by clearing blue to black and, thereafter, exhibited the confidence that had been sadly lacking in his game all sea-

Wattana accounted for the sixth frame with a 132 total clearance and allowed Jones to score a total of only 13 points in the next two. The local hero now awaits Ken Doherty or Chan Wai Tat, of Hong Kong,

"I was quite impressed that so many people came to watch me because if I had played like I did at the Asian Games, it wouldn't have been worth them buying a ocket. I badly wanted to do well for my

people," Wattana said. While Wattana advanced Tony Drago and Anthony Hamilton, two other members of the top lo in the world rankings, failed to negotiate their inical hurdles.

Euan Henderson, of Glenrothes, beat Drago 5-4, despite suffering from a mosquito bite on his bridge hand. "I just hap-pened to play better rubbish than Tony," Henderson said. Hamilton was beaten 5-3 by Joe Swail, who, in recovering

from a 3-1 deficit, compiled breaks of 48, 97, 74 and 68. Peter Ebdon, the 1997 chain pion, almost joined the list of surprise casualties, but he made an exceptional 65 clearance to snatch the deciding frame and a 5-4 win over Paul Hunter on the black.

Stephen Lee recovered from the loss of the opening two frames to secure a place in the last I6 at the expense of Billy Snaddon.

PRIST ROUND: A Robidoux (Carr) bt 0 Harm (Aus) 5-1; E Henderson (Scot) bt A Drago (Molta) 5-4, S Lee (Eng) bt W Snad-don (Scot) 5-3; J Swalf (N Jee) bt A Harmilton (Eng) 5-3; J Swalf (N Jee) bt A Harmilton (Eng) 5-3, M King (Eng) bt J Burnott (Scot) 5-1, S Davis (Eng) bt D Date (Wales) 5-2.

**TODAY'S FIXTURES** 

FOOTBALL .
Kick-olf 7.30 unless stated European Cup Quarter-finals, first leg Bayern Munich v Kaiserslautem (7.45)... Juventus v Olympiakos (7.45)..... Manchester Utd v Internazionale (7.45) Real Madnd v Dynamo Klev (7.45).....

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Dumbarton v Cowdenbeath Tennents Scottish Cup Clydebank v Dundee Utd (at Strling FC) DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Southern divi-sion; St Leonards v Corby

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Challenge Cup:

Second-round replay: Hucknall Town v Emiley.
RYMAIN LEAGUE: Premier division: Degenhem and Rectaridge v Hampton (7.45) First division: Croydon v Madanhead, Molessy v Chertsey
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Barnet v Wattord (at Letchworth FC), Bounemonth v Northampton (2.0), Colchester v Gifingham (2.0); Southampton v Perstrongsh (4.35 #Abars F.C): West Ham v Natheast (2.0); Pontine's LEAGUE: Premier division: Burnel of the Colombia (2.0); Pontine's LEAGUE: Premier division: Control of the Colombia (7.0); West Brommich v Coverny (at Halesowen Town FC 7.0), Worthampton v Botton (7.0); Second division: Lincoln v Scarborouph (2.0), Notis County v Wresham (2.0); Third division: Crester v Walsail (2.0); Chesterield v Wigan (2.0), Hardsoon v Botton (7.0); Second division: Lincoln v Gorborouph (2.0); Notis County v Wresham (2.0); Third division: Crester v Walsail (2.0); Chesterield v Wigan (2.0), Hardsoon v Botton (7.0); Second division: Crester v Walsail (2.0); Chesterield v Wigan (2.0); Langue Cup: Querter-Secondo v Vork (44 Hybe Little FC, 7.0) GILBERT LEAGUE CUP: Second-finati-GLIBERT LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final: Caemarton v Bengor Cty (7 45) SCHEWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Primiler division: Chypenham v Odd Down. Emore v Barnstople

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CUP: Third-round replay: Garforth Town v Thackley Fourth round: Arnold Town v N Ferrity: Ossalt Albion v Denaby; Selby v Ossalt Town.

**RUGBY UNION** 

ENDSLEIGH CHALLENGE TROPHY: (7 to 7)
SANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Europstall v Ludlow Town, Stallard Town v Tradale; Star v Dudley Town. UNLIFT SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Eastbourne Town v Hassocks.

HOSPITALS' CUP: Finel: Imperial Medicats v Guy's/Ying's/Thomas' (at Lon-don Welsh, 2 45)

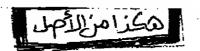
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# Smokescreen conceals bitter truth

he Formula One motor racing season kicks off this weekend under a cloud of confusion. Debate moral continues with the various participants coughing and spluttering on their own self-righteousness, while a new team launches itself with in-your-

face, up-yours defiance. The most evil thing on earth is tobacco sponsorship in sport. So I have read, anyway. Formula One has for years ridden its tobacco sponsorship very prettily: it somehow managed to pretend that tobacco is nothing to do with sport at all, while at the same time taking in huge sums of from tobacco

But this charming disinge nousness has been wrongfooted by the British American Tobacco team. This is not a car with fag logo stuck on top: tobacco is the heart and soul of the enterprise. The team has upset everybody by its noisy posturing: and its cars have been painted to look like not one but two different fag

Why is tobacco sponsorship immoral? Not a terribly hard question. Tobacco is a dangerous drug the ultimate con-

THE last time Japan hosted a

global championship, it wit-

nessed arguably the best 100

1991 world final in Tokyo, won

by Carl Lewis with Linford

Christie fourth, should never

have been allowed. The

reaction time given to Dennis

Mitchell, who finished third,

Eight years on, the scene

shifts from Tokyo to the Mae-

bashi Green Dome, 70 miles

north of the capital. Beginning

indicated a false start.

sumer product in that it serves no function but to get a person addicted. Tobacco can kill you; it shortens your life; it affects other people's health; it affects the health of the

All quite good reasons for banning not just tobacco sponsorship, but tobacco itself. So, naturally, the brash new fagcar has focused all kinds of moral disapproval on to Formula One. The immorality of peddling fags is recognised all over Europe, with bans on television advertising, controls on poster and display advertising, all kinds of legislation on how tobacco logos are displayed in sport.

Some sports wouldn't touch tobacco sponsorship at all. Imagine a football team running about with Marlboro logos all over their shirts. It would be considered quite unacceptable. And rightly so, too.

So let us push things a little bit further. How about cannabis sponsorship in sport? Liverpool sponsored by Red Leb? Or Chelsea sponsored by Blue Microdot LSD? Or how about a nice upmarket cocaine sponsorship: giory-hunters go for coke and Manchester United? Can't you just see the lads running out





Midweek View

tonight with the words Colombian Marching Powder emblazoned on their chests?

Well, no, you can't. It won't happen. All the above are dangerous drugs. They kill, they wreck lives, they can destroy not only the takers but those with whom the takers are in contact.

No wonder the drugs are It is ridiculous even to consider sport accepting sponsorship from a drug that is even

more dangerous than tobacco. Let us consider a typically dan-

gerous drug; one to which people get seriously addicted. In the ravages of this drug, users often commit assault. Users are prone to accidents that kill themselves and very often other people.

Vast number of head injuries can be attributed to the cffects of this drug. Regular and heavy use of the drug causes people to destroy themselves; professional and private lives fall apart. Psychological and physiological problems go with heavy use. The drug has destroyed great people and small: it has wrecked the lives of many people who come into contact with the users.

The drug is lethal; infinitely more dangerous than tobacco. Who, after all, runs amok on a packet of twenty? This drug is so absurdly dangerous that you would surely never find such a drug actually legal still less playing an active part in sports sponsorship. Except by now you will

Alcohol. Desperately danerous, but granted exemption from sanction, because it is the West's drug of choice. The FA Carling Premiership is the main football competition; the Worthington Cup is

have guessed what I am

the present name for the league cup. Rugby union contests the Tetley's Bitter Cup; the England cricket team was until recently sponsored by the same company. Martell sponsor the Grand National.

A vast amount of sport is sponsored by this genuinely dangerous drug. I gave up smoking, but I have no intention of giving up drink. Most of us would agree that sensi-ble drinking is one of life's pleasures: ves and comforts.

he price we pay for our civilised drinking is the pain and and death of those who drink foolishly, or those whose lives are touched by those who drink foolishly. And we have all drunk foolishly in our

hoo-ha about tobacco spo ship is a great blind. Its effect is to cover up the West's vast cultural and fiscal investment in alcohol. If tobacco sponsorship is immoral, then alcohol sponsorship is a great deal more so. But it is the nature of our culture to reject this and to turn our anger to the softer target of tobacco. It is what addicts call Denial.

Times, baffled. "Rule 123.1

does suggest that the starter is

the sole judge of fact and, as

at the same time, directs the

reader to Rule 162.10. You will

note that in Rule 123.6 recall-

ers are obliged to recall a race

if any fault is observed. In

Rule 162.10, it says that, if a

starter hears a signal from the

false start apparatus, there

"All this all goes out of the

transpires that even the

international jury of

appeal will not consid-

er a query concerning a start. It has been sug-

gested that they might have the power to con-

sider such an appeal.

but, in practice, chicken out of doing so."

The refusal to recall

\$30,000

Balzer's false start in

(£18,000) in prize-mon-

ey and a similar mis

take here, with \$50,000 (E30,000) for the win-

ner, could prove an ex-

pensive one for Jack-

rules are, the IAAF should tell

the starters," he said. "Let the

IAAF enforce them because.

these days, it is not just costing

me a medal, but finance as

"I am sick to death of pick-

circumstances. They

ing up silver medals under

should tell the starters that if

they do not do this particular

thing in these particular

circumstances, they will be fined. I lose finance, why

Jackson is 32, the age at which Linford Christie, his

former business partner, became an Olympic champi-

on. Jackson knows that be still

has it in him to be the best

again — the Sydney Olympics

will be his last championships

before winding down towards

retirement - but also that he

Johannesburg

Jackson

shall be a recall.

# **Cross-Channel decorating**

Changing Rooms BBC1, 8pm

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My initial disbelief that the French (who are apparently either obsessed with the most chi-chi home decuration or entirely dismissive of the concept) would willingly participate in this knockabout series was confirmed when it became clear that the interfering neighbours are British couples who have acquired second homes in the Pas de Calais. Lawrence Llewelyn-Bowen is in his Louis XIV element, and Linda Barker makes inspired use of some less-than-promising materials. The resulting rooms are declared perfectly attuned to the owners' requirements, so tout va bien, it seems, although Andy Kane seems less and less tractable.

A Living Hell BBC2, 11.15pm

Professor Lewis Wolpert presents a BBC Education series on depression, a condition which one in five people will encounter at some point, with 5 per cent of the population suffering from clinical depression at any one time. As the Professor points out, most of us who have not experienced it are inclined to doubt its existence as experienced it are inclined to doubt its existence as an illness at all, suggesting that those who have it should "pull themselves together". His own experience, during which he was treated in hospital, suicidal after his wife's death, adds considerably to the power and persuasiveness of his presentation. The journalist and agony aunt Virginia Ironside also talks movingly and vividly of her own experience of the condition. A free, confidential helpline will be open, after the programme until 2am and tomorrow between 9am and 3pm, on 0800 888809.

Modern Times: Living Room BBC2, 9pm

Unlike in yesterday's House Proud, the home-buyers in this film are not looking to build their own. They are shown choosing and settling in to a 550-house development just off the M20 in Kent.



Will the Reds triumph? Manchester United v Internazionale (ITV/Talk Radio)

Kings Hill prefers to think of itself as a village, complete with primary school, a green and a "prestigious" golf course, over which the more select properties have a view. There are also security guards, and rules about the colour of your front door and where you keep your bins. Jess Search's film centres on Crest Homes' plan to add another 53 houses. These, adjoining the golf course, will necessarily alter existing houses' outlook . . .

#### Channel 4,9pm

Talk Radio, 7pm

It's Hallowe'en, and there's a party in the medical student dormitory: you somehow just know things will go badly wrong. And they do. Meanwhile, there's some bad news for Greene (Anthony Edwards) on the personal front (can't be anything about being the highest-paid actor in the world, now that George Choney has finished working on the series): it's about his divorce and a relocation the series): it's about his divorce and a relocation for wife and daughter. There's also some bad news of a professional nature for Weaver (Laura Innes): her rival for the top job is a New York hotshot. There's more shock news for the parents of a little girl brought in after a car accident; it seems that she may not be all that she seems. Tony Patrick

Those of us who support the North London club that George Graham used to manage have been fervently backing Manchester United in Europe this season in the hope that they will become too absorbed to bother with the FA Carling Premier-

ship title. So far, this policy is not working as well as one might have hoped, but we are a patient lot. Inter come to the "Theatre of Dreams" with a team of all the talents, even if Ronaldo is injured and unlikely to start. This is the first leg of the quarter-fi-

nal and Talk's commentary team, Alan Parry, Andy Gray and Richard Keys, have shown this sea-

son that they have the command of hyperbole as well the expertise to convey the occasion's excite-ment. The kick-off is at 7.45pm. Peter Barnard

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#### RADID CHOICE

The Ramp Radio 4. 9pm

Peter Day is the BBC Business Correspondent and he has just spent three years putting together this series on the development of a new microchip. All we can hope now is that we do not hear, halfway through the first broadcast, the announcement: "This programme has performed an illegal opera-tion and will be shut down." If the subject sounds dry it is in fact a fascinating one, for semiconductors are developed and produced in conditions that would impress a hospital surgeon: these fabrication plants, inevitably known as fabs, cost nearly El billion each and lay claim to having the cleanest air in the world. The workers wear moon-walk. type suits that prevent the surface of the chips becoming damaged by their breathing.

#### RADID 1 (BBC)

6.30am Zoe Bell 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00pm Jo Whiley 2.00 Mark Radciffe 4.00 Chris Moyles 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce, Future Nite and artherns 6.00 Stave Lamaco; The Evening Session 10.00 Movie Update with Mark Kermode 10.10 John Peel 12.00am Giles Peterson 2.00 Cilve Warren 4.00 Scott Mills

#### RADIO 2 (BBC)

6.00mm Sarah Kennedy 7,30 Weke Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00pm Juliet Morris 2.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walter 7.00 Mick Barractoph 8.00 Miles Harding 8.00 Bert Gordy's Motown (2/4) 10.00 Top of the Pops 2 on 2 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.00mm Lynn Parsons 3.00 Alex Lester

#### RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC) 5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 Breaklest 9.00 Nicky Campbell

12.00pm The Midday News 1.00 Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Drive 7.00 News Extra 7.30 John Inverdale's Football Night. Coverage of the European Cup quarter-finals. Plus, news of Sheffield Wednesday v Wimbledon in the Premiership and lonight's first division programme 10.00 Littlejohn 11.00 Lete agni Live 1.4 TALK RADIO

6.00mm The Big Boys Breaklast 9.00 Scott Chisholm & Sally James 12.00pm Let's Talk Pets 1.00 Anna Reebum 4.00 The Sports Zone 7.00 Menchester United v Internazionale --- Live. See Choice 10.30 James Whate 1.00am Ian Collins

6.30em Russ Williams 0.30 Mark Forrest 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Harriet Scott 6.45 Pete and Geoff 10.00 James Marritt 1.00em Steve Power 4.30 Richard Allen

Night. Music through till the small hours 2.00am Concerto. Besthoven (Piano Concerto No 3 in C minor) (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths. The Early Breek tast Show

6.00am On Air Petroc Tralawny with arts news and music, including Bruch's Kol nidral performed by Lynn Harrell, cello, and the Philharmonia under Vacinnir Ashkenazy
9.00 Measterworks with Peter Hobday, Verdi (La traviata, Prelude to Act 1); Liszt, orch Adams (The Black Gondola); Schubert (Piano Sonata in A, D959); Verdi (Pia dell'abisso, Un ballo in maschera); Prolotice (Suite: Summer Night)
10.30 Artist of the Week: Bernard Haltlink
11.00 Sound Storles: Family Affairs Peggy Reynolds talks about the Sitwells
12.00pm Composer of the Week: Tchailcovsky
1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert Floonacci Sequence. Ravel (Introduction and Allegro for

1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtlime Concert Fibonacci Sequence. Ravel (Introduction and Alegora for harp, fute, clamet and string quarter); Varese (Density 21.5 for solo fute); Debussy (Premiere rhapsocide for clarinet and penno); Faure (Piano Quintet No 2 in C minor, Op 115)

2.00 The BBC Orobestras BBC Symphony Orchestra under Jiri Belohlavek and Julia-Pakla Saraste, Christian Tetzlaff, violin. Schumann (Overfure: Genoveva); Sibelius (Symphony No 3; Violin Concerto); Dvorak (Symphony No 3; Violin Concerto); Dvorak (Symphony No 3); Violin Cathedral, Director of music Simon Lole. Organist David Halis.

5.00 In Tune Sean Rafferty's guests are the Cardinal's Music, who perform music written for Cardinal

7.30 Performance on 3: Beyond Our Shores
Concluding a concert series from Glesgow.
Pierre-Laurent Airmard, piano, BBC Scotish
Symptony Orchestra under Martyn Brabbins.
Copiand (El salon Medoo); Lipeti (Piano
Concerto); Stravinsky (Song of the Nightingale);
Ravel (Suite: Mother Goose)
9.05 Postscript: Cultural Nationalism Joe Farrell
reports from Barcelona (3/5)
9.30 Wolf Peter Schreier, Lenor, and Karl Engel, piano,
perform a selection of Wolf's Morike Lieder
10.00 Ensemble Continuing the celebrations marking
the centenary of Francis Poulenc
10.45 Night Waves Patrick Wright talks to Kary Mulls,
the Nobel Prize-winner for chamistry
11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shipton investigates jazz
vlotinists
12.00am Composer of the Weelc Coptand (r)
1.00 Through the Night with Donald Macleod. 1.00
Ensemble Weser Penaissance and La Cappeta
Ducals parform motets and dialogues by some of
the composers working in the cities of the Hansextic League during the 17th century 2.45 Otto
Taubmarn (Medinconia) 3.00 Schools: Time and
Ture 3.20 Together 3.40 Dence Workshop 4.00
The Song Tree 4.20 Scotitish Resources 10-12
4.40 Talking Points 5.00 Veterius (Mrs Mary Hotman's Almand) 5.10 Liest (Hungarien Rhapsody
No 14 in F minor) 5.20 Mozart (Quintet in E flat,
K452) 5.50 Heinrich Bach (Ich denke dir, Gott)

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# top. "I have never known him Answers from page 36

#### on Friday, the seventh world thing in athletics except world so angry." Malcolm Arnold.

Jackson was deprived of the world indoor title in Toronto six years ago and fears he might suffer the same fate in Japan. Photograph: Nick Ray

Jackson aims gun at starters

place here and, for one British athlete, who has suffered more false start injustices than

most, only victory will do. Colin Jackson is just two pieces short of a perfect jigsaw. In a senior career now in its fourteenth year - with only one to go before he hangs up his championship spikes — Jackson has achieved every-

This is his last crack at a world indoor championship, so he dare not fail. Jackson has won world,

European and Commonwealth sprint hurdles titles outdoors, European gold medals indoors and holds two world records that have stood the test of time. His outdoor 110 metres hurdles world record

was set in 1993, his 60 metres hurdles indoor mark in 1994. Now, for the first time in five years, Jackson feels that he can challenge those

Approaching his best form again, the Welshman is among the firmest of favourites here. If only it was mere athletes he had to beat. What worries him is the man with the pistol. Starters are a breed no more likely to win praise from Jackson than referees are from David Mellor. Will the hired gun blow holes in

his chances yet again?

Jackson should not still be waiting for his first world indoor title. Six years ago, in the world final in Toronto. Jackson was left with the silver medal after Mark McKoy won on a home-town decision. McKoy, of Canada, showed a reaction time of 0.053sec. The rulebook indicates that a get-away quicker than 0.100sec should not be permitted, the theory being that anything faster is anticipation of the gun rather than reaction to it. Last September, in the World Cup in Johannesburg, Jackson was beaten into second place when Falk Balzer, from Germany, got a proven flyer (0.031sec). When the same happened again in Munich last month, the normally jovial Jackson blew his

TIMBER HITCH

KATABATIC WIND

modification.

WORD-WATCHING

(b) The tie or knot used to secure the bowstring

in the lower nock of a traditional longbow. It

will not slip under tension and is very simple

to adjust, should the length of the string need

(b) This mountain breeze occurs when a layer

of cool air flows by gravity under a warmer lay-

er. The cooling occurs on a clear night because

of LW radiation near the ground, and the re-

sult is a warmer layer above, ie an inversion.

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN MAEBASHI, JAPAN his career, said.

Then, almost unbelievably, Jackson was the victim of another questionable start two weeks ago, losing a race he should have won in the Birmingham grand prix. This time, he reacted phlegmatically. "It just seems to happen all the time," he said.

Such is the extent to which



#### Will the man with the pistol blow a hole in his chances again?"

the issue is playing on Jack-son's mind that he intends to seek out the officials here "to make sure they use the equipment correctly and heed the rules". But what are the rules? So ambiguous are they that Jackson and Arnold's reading of them differ from the International Amateur Athletic Federation's (LAAF) interpretation.

In responding to criticism of the World Cup race, Istvan Gyulai, the IAAF secretary. wrote in the world governing body's November newsletter: "The starter is the sole judge of any fact connected with the start." In other words, he may ignore the acoustic signal in his headphones, which indicates whether an athlete has beaten 0.100sec. "No protest is allowed," Gyulai added.

However, a British starter. Dave Cremin. wrote to The

> Given a slope in the ground, cool air will flow downwards. This is the Katabatic Wind. CABRIOLE

does not have long.

shouldn't they?"

(b) A jumping step in ballet. The dancer raises the working leg to front, side or back, jumps off the supporting leg, and brings it up to beat beneath the other.

DIARMALT (b) In Celtic mythology, the lover of Grainne, the betrothed of Finn, by whom he was slain, in spite of the efforts of August to save him.

SOLUTION TO WINNING MOVE Bf6! prevents Black making a bolt hole for his king with ... fo and leaves him defenceless against 2 Qh4 and mate along the h-file.

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast
5.40 hishore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day
5.47 Farming Today Rural issues, with Ashley Gething
6.00 Today Presented by James Naughtie
6.35 (LW) Yesterday in Parilament Round-up of
political developments
9.00 Michael Live conservation with the Times

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9.00 Milchweek Lively conversation with the Times columnist Libby Purves and guests
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13.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
13.01 Inspirational New series. Adam Hart-Davis,
9.01 Johnny Bail, Len Fisher and Kevin Warwick join
9.47 (Chris Shart at the Science Museum to explore the world of innovations, decoveries and inventions
9.40 The Archers Yesterday's edition (f)
9.41 Afternoon Play: Women on Love — Lonely
14.05 Hearts The tale of a bnely business women who decides to try out a dating agency. Starring
14.05 Tess Peake Jones and Douglas Hodge
15.06 Gardeners' Question Time Postal queries are resolved by a learn of experts (f)
15.30 First Nights The debut of a trapeze artist who left her cosy job in marketing to join the circus(f)
16.40 All in the Mind Prolessor Anthony Clare explores the limits of the history of Britain (f)
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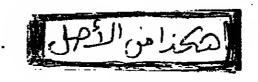
4.30 Thirking Allowed Laurie Taylor and guests think the unthinkable about society
5.00 PM with Clare English and Chris Lowe
6.00 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 Battlyterion Christopher Fitz-Simon's cornedy drama. Stumpy fights to save his job at Lough Swilly Railway. Starring T.P. McKanna, Margaret D'Arcy and Stella McCusker (r)
7.00 The Archers

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7.45 The Cry of the Bittern Part 13, by Tim Jackson. Broadcast earlier as part of Wornan's Hour (r)
8.00 The Moral Mazz Michael Buerk presents ethical debate, with David Starkey, Janet Daley, Ian. Hargreaves and David Cook
8.45 Lant Talks: The Dove Descending Angela Lambert shares her views on montality
9.00 The Ramp See Choice
9.30 Mildweek Broadcast earlier
10.00 The World Tonight Presented by Justin Webb
10.45 Book at Beditime: Emest Hemingway Cardenary — The Sun Also Rises John Sharian reads Hemingway's acclaimed nove!
11.00 Late Night on 4: Truty, Madily, Bletchley Julian Dutton's comedy. With Liz Fraser, Peter Hugo-Daly and quest Cleo Rocos (4/6)
11.15 MacFintock's Palace Mr MacFintock holidays at the seaside. Comedy set around a Victorian music-hall, written and performed by Mark McDonnell and Steven McNicoll (4/6)
11.30 (FM) Mammon (3/6) (f)
11.30 (LW) Today in Partisment Political update
12.00am News 12.30 The Late Book: Five Stories by Anton Chekhov Alstair McGowan reads The Old Husse, about a property evoking traumatic

House, about a property evoking traumatic memories (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecest 1.00 As World Service

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# So you want to be a Hollywood player?

ed that anybody can direct a movie, but that there are only II good writers, he probably couldn't have guessed just how many people ache to be the twelfth. In last night's Close Up: LA Stories (BBCZ) - a beguiling documentary about Brits who have packed their laptops for Hollywood, hoping to make it as screenwriters - James Nutt and Roder Parsons reminded us that 45,000 film scripts are registered

every year in Hollywood. Working on the relevant actuarial multiples of films registered to films half-written, there must be at least four million screenwriters out there who have got past the opening-page "Exterior. New York. Jack stubs out his cigarette and hails a cab" stage; and a further 487 million people whobelieve they could write a screenplay if only they could wangle a week off work to polish one off.

But fewer than 200 movies get American writing partner, got a made each year in Hollywood, too many of them starring Demi Moore. Considering that watching most of these is less fun than trimming a lawn with your bare teeth. it goes to show you how difficult screenwriting must be.

Not that you can rely on the judgment of a Hollywood studio executive to have chosen the best ones: in his autobiography. Ways Of Escape, Graham Greene recalled how Sam Zimbalist asked him if he could spruce up the most recent rewrite of the final part of the screenplay for Ben Hur, because the studio felt there was "a kind of anticlimax after the Crucifixion". Even now, on a film set, the writer ranks lower than the

caterer. You had only to watch

how Miles Millar - one of the

20,000 Brits in Los Angeles - had

to struggle to get in to the Holly-

wood premiere of Lethal Weapon

Millar, who works with an

story credit for Lethal Weapon 4. While Mel Gibson and George Clooney pranced down the red carpet into the loyer, Millar was negodating with the lady checking tickets at the tradesman's entrance.

Maybe he was trying to impress his girlfriend, who had flown in from London to share his triumph, but it was a mistake to tell the check-in lady that he was one of the movie's writers. The poor woman had to fight to suppress her snorts of pily. She'd have sniggered less if he'd gone up and said, "Hi, I'm Miles, and I have piles the size of pomegranates."

nd Millar's one of the successes. He sold his first script, straight out of film school, for a \$Imillion. He's reached the stage where a studio executive will meet him for a cranberry juice by a hotel swimming pool, listen to his film pitch, screw REVIEW

Joe



his eyes into the middle distance as if imagining it on screen, and then ask the key cinematic poser: "If we bought this Tuesday, how soon

would it take you to write it?" Yet trying to stake a claim in this goldrush town — where the surest way to make money, to judge by the shopfronts, is to set up a photocopy shop Xeroxing everyone's scripts - is Tina Jenkins. Fresh off the London plane. Tina's deter-

movie about a man who turns into a cat. Think this sounds kooky? Well, Sacha Gervasi, a British graduate of UCLA's screenwriting class, has co-written a comedy about a gay Scottish hairdresser who comes to LA to compete in the world hairdressing championship. And Gervasi's script is BEING FILMED, by Warner Bros. Gervasi's script created a buzz, which spawned a bidding war. Buzz sells. "This is a town that really knows only hot or cold." one agent explains, "not good or bad." For all its health warnings —

you'd make surer money buying scratchcards than as a screen writer - this was an affectionate. uncynical documentary, evidently made by people who are themselves bewitched by the glamour, myths and mystique of Hotly-wood. Who isn'? Californian sunshine pours through windows; writers' bedrooms look on to sun-

mined to write "Nine Lives", a ny swimming pools: sleazy downtown Hollywood appears here like a place you might actually be willing to walk through at night without an SAS bodyguard. LA Stories is likely to be as intoxicaong as a narcotic to those who already itch to see their name in lights, even if they know in their hearts that the only thing Steven Spielberg is ever likely to say to them is, "I'll have a Big Mac, large fries, with a chocolate shake, to go".

> oping to bring Holly-wood pizazz to personal finance, BBC2 last night launched Your Money or Your Life, starring Alvin Hall. This New Yorker represents television's latest attempt to find a personal finance presenter who doesn't look like an accountant. Channel 4 scored a big hit with Mrs Cohen a Dr Ruth who talked about Tessas instead of testosterone. Hall is a poor man's Samuel L.

thrifts into dumping their mobiles and cutting up their credit cards. and says things like "black pants are black pants no matter how niany you have". Naialie had five. Alvin told her two would do. But this is pretty rich coming from a man who owns 48 coats; like being given beauty tips by Boris Karloff. Another new series, House

Proud (BBC2), shows us people who decide to build their own homes. Someone should tell them about estate agents. Building your own house in Britain is like prospecting for oil in your back garden when there's a petrol station down the road. It's painful enough keeping an eye on builders when they are in your own house. Watching builders mess up the houses of complete strangers is as exciong as combing a child's head for lice. Unless Schadenfreude is your thing, in which case you'll probably find House Proud fascinating.

#### BBCT

6.00am Business Breakfast (67405) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (36203) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (2951883) 9.45 The Vanessa Show (T) (7419845) 10.55 News; Weather (T) (3400609) 11.00 Change That (3410086) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (I) (3480845) 11.55 News; Weather (T) (7368883)

12.30 Wipeout (4934241) 12.55 The Weather Show (T) (53078241) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (39390) 1.30 Regional News; Weather (59907116)

12.00pm Call My Bluff (81864)

1.40 Neighbours Lance struggles to repay his debts (T) (35047574) 2.05 Ironsida The Chief reopens a seven year-old murder case (r) (5268319) 2.55 Through the Keyhole (1) (1) (4566834) 3.25 Children'a BBC: Playdays (6804116)

3.45 Little Monsters (5468715) 3.50 ChuckleVision (4892661) 4.10 See II. Saw it (5834970) 4.35 The Wild House (3488319) 5.00 Newsround (4143845) 5.10 Blue Peter (9830932) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (358339)

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (1) (83) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (35) 7.00 Holiday on a Shoestring Craig Doyle visits Corfu and Michael McNally travels to Disneyland Paris (T) (4932)

7.30 Tomorrow's World A pioneering devices to prevent brain damage in babies, and a new technique to extend the shelf-life of fresh produce (T) (19)



Carol Smillie takes the redecorating

8.00 CROICE Changing Rooms Two french tarmhouses are renovated (T) (3680)

8.30 Comic Relief Jukebox Vintage clips of Harry Enfield and Churns, and a chance for viewers to vote for their favourile comedy duas (4/6] (T) [383241) 8.50 The National Lottery: Greatest Hits

New entertainment show, replaying the lottery's best moments (T) (252932) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News

Weather (T) (7721) 9.29 National Lottery Update (766086) 9.30 Jasper Carrott: Back to the Front

Stand-up comedy (2/6) (T) (29512) 10.00 The X Files Mulder finds his life in jeopardy when he goes Undercover to capture a terrorisi (1) (840390)

10.50 Ruby Wax Meets Bette Midler and Liza Minelli Ruby chats to the Hollywood megasiars (rl IT) (235654) 11.20 Snapshot The controversial tashion

designer Andrew Groves (T) (249715) woman trades identifies with her besi 11.50 As Good As Deod (1995) Premiere A triend so that she can use her medical insurance, but doesn't count on the consequences With Traci Lords Directed by Larry Cohon (T) (544512) 1.10am Weather (1490742)

1.15 BBC News 24 (93920704)

#### BB62

7.00am Children'a BBC Breekfast Show: Pingu (7879864) 7.05 Teletubbies (3186244) 7.30 Snorks [8731777) 7.50 The Really Wild Show (3849048) 8.18 Rewind (3280319) 8.20 Taz-Mania (5437338) 8.40 Polika Dot Shorts (1485086) 8.50 Pingu (1474970) 9.00 Images (7003086) 9.10 What? Where? When? Why? (7083222) 9.25 The Art (4741512) 9.45 Words and Pictures (8112222) 10.00 Teletubbles (34357) 10.30 Numberime (9664796) 10.45 Cals Eyes (9652951) 11.00 Around Scotland (3680796) 11.20 Geography Programme (3537796) 11.40 Science in Action (6918777) 12.00pm Revista (5633338) 12.15 Hallo aus Berlin (4453680) 12.30 Working Lunch (95690)

1.00 Brum (68304116) 1.10 The House Detectives A terraced house in Dorsel (r) (41135512) 1.40 Hart-Davis on History Grantham in Uncolnshire (35068067)

2.10 Awash with Colour (56828116) 2.40 News; Weather (T) (3672406) 2.45 Westminster (T) (5347593) 3.50 News; Weather (T) (6524593) 3.55 Kaye (9857883)

4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (T) (6543628) 4.55 Esther (r) (T) (5528609) 5.30 Today'a the Day (T) (12) 6.00 Star Treic The Next Generation A worman is chosen by her people to serve as a peace offering (r) (T) (954999)

6.45 Buffy the Vampire Slayer Buffy meets a ventrilogust's durmy she suspects is stealing organs from performers in a talent show (T) (358086)

7.30 Sophie Grigson's Herbs The uses of 6.00 University Challenge Balliol v Birkbeck. With Jeremy Paxman (T) (1222) 8.30 Looking Good The tashion lorecaster

lailor-made suits (T) (9947) CHOICE Living Room The making and the suburban development Kings Hill (T) (859512)

Martin Raymond explains the merits of



A film following Vogue magazine a launch in Russia (9.50pm)

9.50 Trouble at the Top Report on the multimillion-pound launch of Vogue in posi-Communist Russia (T) (603798 10.30 Newsnight With Jeremy Payman (T): Video Nation Shorts (710845)

11.15 CHOICE A Living Helt New senes exploring clinical depression.
With Professor Lewis Wolpert (861203) 11.55 Weather (161690)

12.00am Despatch Box (62075) 12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University.
The Chemistry of Creation 1.00 The
Chemistry of the Invisible 1.30 The
Chemistry of Creativity 2.00 Schools. Dance 4.00 Languages 5.00 Business and Traming 5.45 Open University is

wing? 6.10 Organelles and

#### HIV 5.30am ITN Morning News (10086) 6.00 GMTV (5115241)

9.25 Trisha (T) (8347970) 10.30 This Morning (T) (44969864) 12.15pm HTV News (T) (4457406) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News(T) (95636)

1.00 WEST: Next Stop Richard Wyatt, Polly Lloyd and correspondents review local s live from Sandford (64086) 1.00 WALES: Shortland Street Marj is

reprimanded (64086) 1.30 Home and Away Tom becomes the hero of the hour (T) (33715)

2.00 The Jerry Springer Show Outrageous and uninhibited US talk show (1) 2.45 Wheel of Fortune (T) (410357) 3.15 ITN News Headlines (T) (4190574) 3.20 HTV News (T) (4120715)

3.25 CTTV: Mopatop's Snop (4110338) 3.35 Teddybears (9163951) 3.45 Jumanii (9831845) 4.10 Whizziwig (6516574) 4.40 Mad for It (2416512)

5.10 A Country Practice Torn is taken hostage (7202609) 5.40 TTN Early Evening News; Weather (T) 5.59 HTV Crime

6.00 Home and Away Tom becomes the hero of the hour (r) (1) (981067) 6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight; Weather (T)

6.25 WEST: HTV Weather (220593) 6.30 WEST: The West Tonight (1) (13) 7.00 Emmerdale Viv takes decisive action over Donna (T) (9628)

7.30 The Big Match — Live! Manchester United v Inter Milan (kdk-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the first leg of the long-awaited European Cup quarter-final tie from Old Trafford, with commentary by Clive Tyldesley (T) (95756932) 9.45 Coronation Street Alison reports Kevin missing (T) (390154)



Muray Walker reveals his favourite

10.55 Murray Walker'a Top Tan The veteran commentator introduces his grand prix heroes (T) (857715) 11.55 The Big Match Tonight's European Cup

highlights (901883) 1.00am Off Beat (1986) A librarian is persuaded to replace his cop friend in a song-and-dance spectacular, and continues the charade to woo a lellow performer. Starring Harvey Kei Directed by Michael Dinner (116433)

2.35 The Big Match Highlights of Real Madrid v Dynamo Kiev (562384) 4.20 Tha Making of James and the Giant Peach The film of Roald Dahl's children's

book (73811471) 4.50 ITV Nightscreen Behind the scenes of (TV programmes 143287181) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (64094)

#### CENTRAL

As HTV West except 12.20-12.30pm Central News (7695574) 1.00 Echo Point (64086] 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (6169883) 2.15-2.45 Home and Away (411086) 3.20-3.25 Central News (4120715) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7202609) 6.25-7.00 Central News; Weather (828135) 10.45-10.55 Central News; Weather (132951) 1.00-2.35am FILM: The Super (118433)

#### 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (3742758) WESTCOUNTRY "

4.20 Central Jobfinder '99 (3988278)

As HTV West except: 12.15-12.27pm Westcountry News; Weather

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5.08 Birthday People (2765636) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7202609) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (19135) 10.45-10.55 Westcountry News; Weather

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6.00am Sesame Street (50116) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (52241)

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5.30 Pet Rescue Two puppies are treated for

6.00 Late Lunch with Mel and Sue TV chel Gary Rhodes joins the bubbly hostesses for a chat and a bite to eat (17777) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (242086)

7.55 The 1999 Citibank Private Bank Photography Prize The work of the Portuguese photographer Augusto Alves Da Silva (T) (140338) 8.00 Brookside Ryan offers Jason an olive

branch (T) (6390) 8.30 Doors to Manual New senes. Three viewers jet off for a weekend city break -

but although their destination is the same, each has a unique personal itinerary. In the first programme, a too of travellers experience very different short breaks in New York. Presented by Danny O'Brien (1/5) (5425)

disaster (T) (5135)

10.30 Michael Moore: The Awful Truth Michael Moore (T) 184951)

11.00 Mark Thomas Comedy Product Satirical cornedy and hoaxes (5406) 11.30 So Graham Norton With Ursula Andress and Julie Hesmondhalgh (r) (140357) 12.10am boardstupid |r) |5607094|

1.15 Football Italia: Mezzanotte Round-up of the week's action (23378094) 3.40 Trans World Sport (r) (9553810) 4.35 Defenders of the Wild A tiger conservation project (r) (T) (9466839)

Channel Hopping (1968574) 10.50 Stop. Look, Listen (1) (8238845) 11.00 First Edition VI (3528048) 11.15 Tackling

11.30 Powerhouse (T) (4154) 12.00pm Sesame Street (T) (74574) 12.30 Bewitched (r) (T) (32086)

1.30 The Three Stooges The trio leave the Army (r) (T) (375/75131)
1.50 Lease of Life (1954). A country vicar struggles to come to terms with the fact their he has only one year left to live. Starring Robert Donet and Kay Walsh.

4.55 Ricki Lake Provocative dressers receive makeovers (T) (5513777) shyness (T) (80)

9.00 CHOICE ER A Hallowe'en party at the medical student dorm ends in 10.00 Sex and the City Carrie suspects that Mr



Bizarre tales from the US, introduced

### CHANNEL 5

6.00am 5 News and Sport With Becky Anderson (1703406)
7.00 WideWorld Part nine. The problem of bullying in schools (r) (T) (8396999)

7.30 Milkshake! (2811425) 7.35 Wimzie's House (r), 5 News Update (4890154)

8.00 Havakazoo [r) (2013777)

8.30 Dappledown Farm (i): 5 News Update

9.00 Hot Property (r) (T) (6860195) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards In

9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (7130375) 10.20 Sunset Beach Amy lantasises about Sean (T) (3869338) 11.10 Leeza (8369767)

12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (2016864) 12.30 Family Affairs Claire apologises for provoking Pete (r) (T) (1494086)
1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Sheila sees

James and Maggie dancing (8388970) 1.30 The Roseanne Show The outspoken comedian chats to the boxer Oscar De La Hoya (rt; 5 News Update (1493357) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (9372086)

2.30 Good Afternoon Daily entertainment, featuring word game Cryptogram, real-life soap Liverpool Mums and antiques out Selling the Family Silver, 5 News Update (1970574) 3.30 Indict and Convict (TVM 1974) William

Shatner stars as a lawyer who defends himself against a charge of murdering his wile and her lovers. With Ed Flanders. Directed by Bons Sagal (4695311)

5.20 Sunset Beach Shown earlier (r) (T), 5 News Update (3943864) 6.00 100 Per Cent Computer-generated quiz

6.30 Family Affairs Declar flirts with Siobhan (T) (2607319) 7.00 5 News; Weather Round-up of the day's stones (T) (9343574)

7.30 Nick'a Quest Vampire bats attract Nick Baker to the tropical forests of Belize, where the bloodthirsty creatures exist in great numbers (3/8) (1) (2696203)

8.00 Switched at Birth (TVM 1991)
Fact-based drama about two Florida babies inadvertenity swapped in a hospital maternity unit and raised for ten years by the wrong biological parents. Hoag, Brian Kerwin and Ed Asner star. Directed by Lois Smith (T): 5 News

Update (87374338) 10.10 Rambo III (1988) Sylvester Stallone heads for Russian-occupied Afghanistan to rescue a friend from prison. Action thritler, with Richard Crenna. Directed by

12.00am Melinda's Big Night In With guest Nell McAndrew (7913278)

12.40 UK Raw A group of transvestites visit Ascot (3/10) (4688810) 1.10 Live NHL Ice Hockey Richard Orlord and Todd Macklin introduce full coverage of the Central Division clash between St

Louis Blues and the Chicago Blackhawks (64720520) 4.40 The Movia Chart Show News and reviews (r) (92459029) 5.05 Move On Up (r) (32191181)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (8908433)

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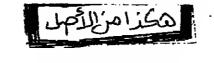
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Jackson seeks justice as he takes on the hired gunmen



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United manager laughs off Italian pessimism on eve of European Cup quarter-final

# Ferguson sees through smokescreen

By Oliver Holt, football correspondent

THE ghost of Machiavelli and the spirit of Scarpia cavorted together on stage at Manches-ter United's Theatre of Dreams yesterday as Alex Ferguson prepared to repel the latest threat to his dream of winning the European Cup by placing Internazionale in the pantheon of Italian villainy.

The United manager seethed with suspicion and mistrust, refusing to believe that Ronaldo had been ruled out of the first leg of the quar-ter-final tonight and painting the Nerazzurri as some sort of sinister "throwback" to a dark age of Italian football, when cynicism and caution reigned.

So convinced was he of the conspiratorial tendencies of the Milanese, in fact, that he gave the impression he would not be surprised to see them take the field with long dag-gers concealed beneath their logas and "friend of Caesar" printed in the space where the club badge should be.

Of course, the question of Ronaldo's involvement kept bobbing back to the surface. Ferguson said that he believed it would contravene Uefa regulations if he flew into England today and then played, but it emerged later that the Brazilian only has to appear at Old Trafford an hour before the kick-off to be eligible to take

His reputation is such that his presence, or absence, dominates everything, but if the World Cup final last summer taught us one lesson, it is that Ronaldo is only a danger if he is fully fit. He is clearly still some way from being that, so, whether he plays or not. United have nothing to fear if they

stay strong psychologically.
"I'm not convinced that Ronaldo won't play," Ferguson said. "The Italians are the innovators of the smokescreen.

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When they tell me it's pasta, I still check under the sauce to make sure it is.

"They always come out with these things. The English are so strong, we are so terrible in the air, they are wonderful and we cannol do this and we cannot do that.' And then they come and beat us 3-0.

"I will wait to see their team. I think they want Ronaldo to play, but it is down to him and his doctor whether he does. I hear he is coming over on a private jet with their owner. Massimo Moratti, Well, 1

hope Moratti's playing."
The tone of Ferguson's address, which was not without its nods, winks and smiles, had much to do with a determination to ensure that no hint of complacency contaminates his team in the wake of the reports

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of the troubles that have beset Inter in Serie A.

The Italians, languishing in sixth in their domestic league, have won only twice away from home all season and that against the comparative light-weights of Empoli and Udinese. They have scored only once away this year. Their home performance in the goalless draw against Juventus on Saturday night was the very antithesis of flowing football, a disjointed, uncertain affair that betrayed their lack of conviction and reliance on Ronaldo for attacking sharpness.

In comparison, United are flying high in the FA Carling Premiership, four points clear of the rest and with eight wins and two draws in their past ten league games. On form, with Andy Cole and Dwighl

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Yorke frightening the best de-fences, they should be clear winners, but Ferguson was quick to drag his listeners out of their fool's paradise.

"Inter are a throwback to the Italian mentality of not giving anything away and man-marking with a sweep-er," Ferguson said. "The AC Milan team of Rijkaard, Van Basten, Baresi and Maldini brought a freshness to Italian football in the late Eighties and a different vision by playing 4.4-2.
"Juventus then took that on

with a 4-3-3 system and the way they operated with Del Piero meant they had that fantastic, open, aggressive type of play. But Inter are a throwback to the old catenaccio style of giving nothing away and hoping to catch you in a weak moment. They will stick rigid-ly to their jobs, particularly the marking defenders, and they will be disciplined in the cen-tre of midfield."

"I don't pay too much attention to their form in the Italian league. They will be motivated for this game because it is their only chance of an honour. They can go for one trophy and forgel everything else. It is not like England, where every team feels they have to try to win everything. Their mentality at Old Trafford will be that they are hard to beat. I will be happy with

This time, United have the players and the experience to succeed, however canny and clever Inter might be. They are on top of their game and Yorke and Cole have proved already that they can translate their league form into goals against Europe's elite. Their ability to maintain their concentration without the slightest lapse for 90 minutes would be the key, according to Ferguson.

Inter's attack is not the same without Ronaldo, but Jaap Stam has grown steadily in stature since his arrival in England and should not be discomforted by Ivan Zamorano. The danger will come from the floating Roberto Baggio and Youri Djorkaeff. Roy Keane, as well as the United back four, will have to be on his mettle to snuff them out.

Then there is the confrontation between David Beckham and Diego Simeone, the Argentinian who admitted his contribution this week to the dismissal of Beckham during the World Cup. Ferguson paid him little heed. By then, be had had his fill of villainy.

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TO DESCRIBE a cricketing duck as valu-

able appears to be a contradiction in

terms, but in Auckland yesterday Geoff Al-

lott could claim to have been responsible

for one of the most important noughts in

Allott, a natural No 11, who was playing

for New Zealand against South Africa in

the first Test, failed to score in 101 minutes

at the crease and thus surpassed the

stoical effort of Godfrey Evans, the England wicketkeeper, who required 97 min-

utes to get off the mark against Australia

Whereas Evans went on to reach ten

without being dismissed, Allott failed to

open his account. Having acknowledged



# Simeone makes himself easy target

onaldo continued to prove elusive yesterday, but there was never much chance of Diego Simeone slipping into Manchester unnoticed. Not when there was a Mr Blobby figure to attack him in airport arrivals, a foretaste of the incessant scorn that he will greet his every touch at Old Trafford tonight.

The jeering of Simeone is the only certainty of an intriguing match, but those United fans who are hoping to rile the Internazionale midfield player inlo blowing a gasket

— as David Beckham did in
the face of the Argentinian's provocation during the World Cup — are likely to be

disappointed.
"Simeone is not a child." Mircea Lucescu, the Inter coach, said, "and when the public are against him, he plays three times better." The paying public will be against him as never before after his admission that he tricked the referee into dismissing Beckham during England's match

Matt Dickinson predicts that Internazionale will attempt to disrupt United's rhythm in midfield

tion is likely to make him less popular with every tackle in what can be expected to be a fiesty midfield confrontation with Roy Keane.

An expert at the niggling foul and distracting oppo-nents from the task in hand. Simeone's gifts appear to be perfectly suited to Inter's plan, which is to try to keep the match as cagey and lacking in fluency as possible.

Giuseppe Bergomi, their 36-year-old defender, talked yesterday of the huge boost that the Serie A side would gain from Ronaldo's return for the second leg and the obvious sub-text was that they would attempt a stifling draw tonight to set up the Brazilian for a hero's comeback in Milan.

That will not be easy against a team of United's attacking power, especially have conceded only five goals so far in the European Cup this season, however, the best defensive record in the compe-

tition, and appear to be unfazed by the prospect of Dwight Yorke and Andy Cole in harness. "They are good," Bergomi said, "but the best in Europe?

Oh no." Inter are more preoccupied with the threat from the flanks, where Zanetti and Winter have had their problems as wing backs and can expect to be tested to the full by Giggs's pace and Beckham's hipped crosses.

That Inter are not in good shape is beyond doubt. Lying sixth in Serie A, they have won only three of nine games this year and Lucescu does not even try to deny that he had had disputes with his players. "In a championship like the Italian one, played with the highest intensity of all, there are always moments

of tension," he said.

Wrangling, though, does not suddenly remove the



# against Argentina in France with Simic, the Croatia Roberto Baggio or Ivan Zamo-last June. His talent for disrup- defender, ineligible. Inter rano, forwards of the highest

calibre, and United would do well to remember that they secured fewer points in qualilying for the quarter-finals than their opponents.

Moreover, United have yet

to eliminate an Italian side in Europe. This may be as good a time as any to put that right. given that the absence of

Ronaldo has affected Inter's

attacking power.
"We all know it is different

football without him," Luces-cu said. "In England, the game is collective, but in Italy it is more to do with the personalities of the significant players. You build teams around big players. So for us it is very important when a player like that is not there. My team will have to double their efforts."

United will be confident that even that may not prove enough. History, though, suggests otherwise.

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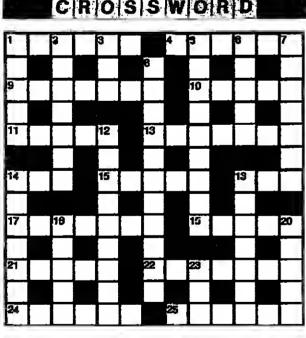
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It was an innings that won valuable

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ond-innings wickets in hand and one day

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Allott blocks his way past Evans

each blocked delivery with a raised bat as 66 minutes to get off the mark against Australia in 1981-82. A tailender is never he neared the record and enjoying a stand-ing ovation when he broke it, he finally afraid of getting runs - in fact, Chris gloved a delivery from Jacques Kallis to turned down about five easy singles." Shaun Pollock at slip.

"Even the South Africans were laugh-Allott, said. The left-arm fast-medium bowler has ing towards the end," Allott said. He faced 77 balls and helped Chris Harris to add 32

taken more first-class wickets than he has scored runs - 86 to 83 - and hisbatting average fell from 2.57 to 2.25 as a result of his effort yesterday. "It was probably the best duck I will ever score," he said. Perhaps, but a record of 18 runs in 11 Test innings suggests that it may not be the last.



